



A deer forages for food yesterday in a burned Jerusalem Corridor forest.

(Joe Malcolm)

Murder of 2 Electric Corp. workers apparently criminally motivated

POLICE said last night that the murder of two Israel Electric Corporation security guards early yesterday was apparently criminally motivated.

Alex Polichenko, 22, of Kfar Sava and Hagai Lavi, 23, from Karkur, were found dead from gunshot wounds at 4 a.m. near Moshav Sha'ar Ephraim in the Sharon region, not far from the Green Line, police said.

At approximately the same time, a seriously wounded Taiba resident, 26, with a known criminal background, was brought to Meir Hospital in Kfar Sava, also suffering from gunshot wounds. A link between the two incidents was immediately investigated. Last night, police said they found bullets in his pocket which matched those at the crime scene. Police have arrested another

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Taiba resident as a suspect.

The two men were employed by a private security company to guard an IEC installation near Sha'ar Ephraim. An IEC security official said the two were in a stationary position in their patrol car and were apparently taken by surprise.

Both guards were killed by shots to the head and upper body. One was found in the patrol jeep, and the other on a nearby dirt path. The assailants did not take the guards' weapons or their identity cards, which led police to believe that the murders were not nationally motivated.

Police said one of the guards, most likely Polichenko, put up a fight. Polichenko was

known to be very skilled in karate and other forms of self-defense. Investigators also believe the victims may have known the Taiba criminals.

Following the murders, IDF units beefed up checkpoints between the territories and northern Israel.

Lavi, who was buried last night, finished his IDF service last year with the rank of lieutenant. He began working for the security company in November and was enrolled as a student at the Agricultural School at Pardes Hanna.

Polichenko, who immigrated here four years ago and was drafted into the IDF soon after, served as a tank commander. He was released from the army in January and began the guarding job at the IEC. He will be buried in Kfar Sava this morning.

PA wants IDF to leave Arab areas of Hebron

THE IDF should no longer patrol the entire city of Hebron, but limit its role to protecting the 400 Jewish settlers who live there, Palestinian negotiator Ahmed Oreia said yesterday.

Such an arrangement would allow Palestinians living in Hebron to participate in the Palestinian elections, since the PLO has said it will not hold elections in the presence of the IDF.

With Hebron being a stronghold of Islamic fundamentalists PLO chairman Yasser Arafat does not want to be accused by Islamic rivals of being indifferent to the city being controlled by Israel.

However, Israel is not likely to agree to this. Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin told reporters Tuesday night that there will be a separate discussion on Hebron before the July 25 target date for signing an agreement.

A partial IDF withdrawal from Hebron could be complicated, as Jewish neighborhoods are located in different parts of the city. Continued Israeli control of the Machpela Cave would also be under question in the event of a partial pullout.

Oreia did not confirm Rabin's statement that Israel will retain "overriding security" responsibility in Palestinian villages. Rather, he said Israel's entry into the villages would be limited to hot pursuit and protection of Israelis.

Israel is committed to totally exiting four Palestinian cities - Nablus, Jenin, Kalkiya, and Tulkarm - before the balloting, scheduled for this fall, and will only protect main arteries in Bethlehem and Ramallah until bypass roads for settlers are completed sometime next year.

It is estimated that 12,000 Pal-

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estian policemen will take up positions throughout Judea and Samaria, beyond the 18,000 who are already deployed in Gaza and Jericho.

Oreia told Reuters that he expects the Israeli pullback from the cities to begin a month after a deal is reached, and some 22-25 days before the Palestinian elections.

Meanwhile, Arafat aide Ahmed Tibi stressed that "There is no agreement between the two sides, only understandings with regard to some substantial points. But there are still differences, particularly with regard to responsibility for security in the rural areas."

Foreign Minister Shimon Peres and Arafat pledged to wrap up a deal by July 25, but Peres told reporters yesterday it could take a couple of weeks longer.

"I hope that we will finish on time," Peres said. "But even if we go over by a week or two, it's not a tragedy."

Non-Israeli diplomatic sources say Israel and the Palestinians have agreed to have a section of their agreement deal with the release of Palestinian prisoners, although details have not been ironed out.

These sources also said they expect Arafat to tell the Palestinian public during the election campaign that the 1964 Palestine National Council Charter calling for Israel's destruction will be amended within 60 days of the balloting.

"What remains for negotiators is the drafting of the body of the accord and hammering out remaining details," said Oreia, who met Foreign Ministry Director-General Uri Savir yesterday to resolve these issues.

Among the non-security issues left unresolved are transfer of civilian powers, such as water usage. Israeli and Palestinian negotiators met yesterday in Cairo to continue discussions on these issues.

Other open questions include election-related issues such as whether Palestinians living in eastern Jerusalem may run for the Palestinian self-rule Council and the size of the body.

Meanwhile, Peres yesterday urged his visiting Italian counterpart, Susanna Agnelli, to help ensure that European governments provide loan guarantees for private European firms that invest in Middle Eastern regional development. Projects are expected to include labor-intensive industrial zones that will provide employment for Palestinians.

At the same time, Peres lauded Italy, saying that it provided more aid to the Palestinians than all the Arab countries combined. Exact figures were not available last night.

He chided the Arab League and its members for only extending a hand to the Palestinians when it comes to "verbal protests" and not genuine assistance.

Also yesterday, Rabin met with a delegation from Kibbutz Elrom, which is on the Golan Heights. The meeting was held in Jerusalem at the kibbutz members' request, following recent reports that it would be the first place returned to the Syrians in any peace deal.

Sources in the Prime Minister's Office called the meeting positive. Kibbutz member Shalom Bleier said afterwards: "The prime minister clearly stated to us that there would be a referendum before any territory in the Golan Heights is returned to Syria," and added he hoped Rabin would make good on this promise.

'Egypt to press Israel on nukes'

ALON PINKAS

A PAUSE of several months in the dispute between Jerusalem and Cairo on Israel's reported nuclear arsenal is about to end, with Egypt expected to pressure Israel again in both the arms control talks and at the UN General Assembly in September, officials predicted yesterday.

In the months preceding the renewal of the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty in May, Egypt had demanded that Israel sign the NPT. Israel countered by saying that full denuclearization of the region could be achieved two years if it reaches peace agreements with all the countries in the region. Israel has since reiterated that this also includes Iran.

That Israeli policy, which in effect rendered obsolete the traditional posture of vagueness and US pressure to let the issue cool, seemed to have satisfied Egypt for a short while, a senior diplomatic source told *The Jerusalem Post*.

"But we now expect the Egyptians to relaunch their bid to crack open Israel's policy and discuss nuclear capabilities. They [the Egyptians] have already recorded a significant success by bringing the issue out into the open and elevating it to the top of the agenda," he said.

Others involved in the Arms Control and Regional Security Talks agree. "Egypt's objective is to slow down the normalization process between Israel and the Arab world. The nuclear issue serves that cause by uniting the Arab world around a perceived threat from Israel," a Defense Ministry official said.

Shahal: Netanyahu may have broken law

EVELYN GORDON

LIKUD chairman Binyamin Netanyahu appears to have committed a crime by revealing an army document detailing proposals for negotiations with Syria, Police Minister Moshe Shahal told the Knesset yesterday.

MK Dedi Zucker (Meretz) said he and some of his Meretz colleagues would file a complaint with the police against Netanyahu on the basis of Shahal's statement, if Shahal does not order a police investigation into the affair himself. The law, Zucker said, requires a police investigation any time a crime appears to have been committed.

Shahal, who was responding to three motions for the agenda about the document, said the law stipulates a maximum sentence of six months in prison for revealing military secrets. There is a loop-

hole for people who are trying to change policy "in good faith" and "by permissible methods," but this defense does not apply to Netanyahu, Shahal charged.

Had Netanyahu been acting in good faith or by permissible methods, Shahal said, he would have gone to Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin with the document instead of revealing it to the plenum.

"This was a crossing of the lines [of the permissible]," he said. "This house... must express its revulsion and concern."

Ran Cohen (Meretz) and Ra'anan Cohen (Labor), who proposed two of the motions for the agenda, also attacked Netanyahu viciously.

"[Netanyahu] has given legiti-

macy to the leaking of military secrets," charged Ran Cohen.

"There has never been such a grave incident in the history of the Knesset," said Ra'anan Cohen.

Netanyahu defended himself by saying the document was a purely political one, detailing what Israel should be willing to concede in the negotiations: A withdrawal from the entire Golan, without demanding any reduction in the Syrian army.

"There was no military secret here," he said.

"[The government] is hiding crucial information from the public," added Likud faction chairman Moshe Katsav, who proposed the third motion for the agenda. "The public has a right to know... how the government intends to act."

IDF gets new robotic bomb dismantler

ALON PINKAS

THE Andrews, a US-made \$200,000 remote-controlled robot capable of dismantling bombs and other explosive devices will be used by army units in south Lebanon, the IDF Field Engineering Corps revealed yesterday.

The robot's main advantage is its maneuverability in difficult terrain. The 320-kg. robot, mounted on tracks, is also capable of climbing a 45° slope.

It is equipped with two video cameras which transmit a high resolution color picture to a monitor placed in front of the operator, 200 meters away and also has sensitive sound sensors that detect a ticking explosive device.

"The Andrews provides a solution to many problems we have encountered when approaching explosive devices. First and foremost it does not endanger the operator, who is shielded in an Armored Personnel Carrier," Lt.-Col. Y., the commander of the Engineering Corps' bomb dismantling unit, said yesterday.

Explosive device disarmed outside Gush Katif settlement

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POLICE sappers disarmed a roadside settlement of Morag in said.

The sources said that the device was searching the area after a breach settlement's greenhouses.

Dalia Yitzhaki, spokeswoman for said the assumption among settlers is that the breach was a decoy area is that the breach was a decoy the road around the settlement to search the area around the fence.

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Settlers: We'll be shooting it out with PA police

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USING Gaza as their model, settlement leaders painted a dark picture yesterday of what is likely to occur when the IDF moves out and Palestinian Police move into Jenin, Tulkarm, Kalkilya and Nablus in November.

"The government is assuming that the Palestinian policemen will stay in the cities," said Kodorin Local Council head Yosef Kapah. "But what happens if they leave the cities and threaten Israelis or set bombs? Precedents exist in Gaza," he said.

Kapah said that gunfights are likely to take place between Jews and Palestinian policemen who travel outside the major cities.

"My fear is that Jews will feel threatened when they see armed Palestinian policemen, and will act against them," he said.

"The government is putting us under a lot of pressure. The weaker, more sensitive people may have less control and may take action in certain circumstances."

Shlomo Katarf, head of the Alfei Menashe Local Council, termed the redeployment plan "criminal negligence."

"They are endangering not only our security but also that of Kfar Sava," Katarf said of the government. "They are putting our security in the hands of terrorists."

Yehuda Lieberman, head of the Gintot Shomron Regional Council,

said the experience in Gaza has shown that the Palestinian autonomous areas turn into "cities of refuge for terrorists. Somebody can prepare a petrol bomb in Kalkilya, quickly run to Kfar Sava and easily return to Kalkilya."

Gintot Shomron activists plan to drive in a slow convoy on major roads in Samaria this morning to block traffic and - in the words of Vicky Berglas, one of the organizers - "show that Israelis are in control of the roads, and we won't allow terrorists in the guise of policemen control our road links."

AP adds: Yechiel Leiter, a spokesman for the Council of Jewish Settlements in Judea, Samaria and Gaza, said the settlers would not recognize the authority of the 12,000 Palestinian policemen who are to be deployed in six Palestinian towns in the territories by the end of the year.

"If there is any indication that he [a policeman] will use weapons against us, then we shall treat that person as a terrorist," he said. "Most of them have been trained as terrorists and there is no reason to believe that they have repented."

Settler leader Pinhas Wallerstein told Israel Radio that "we must shoot to kill if someone raises a weapon against us." Wallerstein charged that the government had abandoned the settlers. "They are sending us into war," he complained.

Likud split on response to redeployment

EVELYN GORDON

SHARP differences of opinion on how to respond to the peace process were revealed within the Likud yesterday, with some MKs advocating widespread civil disobedience and others insisting on the only proper course was an information campaign.

Party chairman Binyamin Netanyahu came down strongly on the latter side. After calling an emergency faction meeting because of the impending redeployment, Netanyahu said his proposed response was to demand an immediate meeting of the Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee with Chief of General Staff Lt. Gen. Amnon Lipkin-Shahak and to request an urgent meeting of senior Likud officials with Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin.

Several MKs, however, said this was not enough.

The leading advocates of civil disobedience were Ron Nahman and Uzi Landau. Nahman said the set-

tlers would lie down in the streets if necessary to prevent Palestinian patrols from passing, and advocated taking other measures that were somewhat outside the bounds of the law. If 32 Likud MKs were thrown in jail, he said, this might shock the nation awake.

Elihu Ben-Elissar, meanwhile, suggested a total boycott of plenum sessions.

He said that by participating in votes, the Likud was granting legitimacy to the government's decisions.

Yehoshua Matza then proposed the opposite: The Likud should paralyze the government by flooding the Knesset with political bills, since this would force the entire government to stay in the Knesset round the clock to ensure their defeat.

MKs David Mena, Michael Eitan, Meir Sheerit and Ovadia Eli, however, agreed with Netanyahu that the battle for public opinion was the key.



A youth leaps over burning tires in Ramallah yesterday after a march in solidarity with hunger-striking prisoners. Later, hundreds of prisoners announced they were suspending their strike to give negotiators a chance to win their release after the Arafat-Peres accord, according to a statement from inmates at Juneid Prison in Nablus where the strike began 19 days ago. However, prisoners in Tel Mond, Beersheba, and Ashkelon and other jails were continuing the strike, said Prisoners' Club chairman Issa Karakeh. (Text: Jon Immanuel; photo: Khaled Zighari)

NEWS IN BRIEF

Ashdod man drowns off local beach

An Ashdod man drowned yesterday while swimming at a spot off-limits to bathers at the city's Lido Beach. The 22-year-old man had come to the beach in the afternoon with his girlfriend and entered the water where there is no lifeguard. He was swept out to sea and his body was recovered after his girlfriend went for help.

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Boy dies mysteriously in schoolyard

Shlomo Buskila, 13, of Be'er Ya'acov, a student at a Rehovot Talmud Torah, collapsed and died suddenly yesterday while playing in the schoolyard.

Witnesses said he had complained of severe stomach pains during the game, then suddenly fell over and lost consciousness. No signs of violence were found on the body and he is not known to have suffered from any diseases. His body was taken by police to the Abu Kabir Institute of Forensic Medicine, but the boy's parents objected to an autopsy and a judge upheld their objection.

Itm

Katzover wins handily in Kiryat Arba

Kiryat Arba Local Council head Zvi Katzover handily won elections for a second term yesterday, garnering 78 percent of the vote and placing six men on the nine-man local council.

Uzi Cohen, a veteran Kiryat Arba resident who ran on the plank of wanting to moderate Kiryat Arba's image, finished a distant second. Cohen's list won two local council seats, and an immigrant party won one seat.

Sixty-five percent of the settlement's 2,780 eligible voters took part in the election.

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Irregular radiation emitted in Haifa

Twenty-five times the normal background radiation was measured in the Haifa Bay area on Tuesday night, Environment Minister Yossi Sarid said yesterday. The radiation, detected by the area's monitoring station, lasted for about an hour and a half. Experts said the source was apparently a local factory which had used X-ray photography. Sarid has appointed a team to investigate.

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Weinberg testimony hearing continues

Prima Dvorin, the lawyer for Moshe Weinberg, a co-defendant in Aryeh Deri's fraud trial, yesterday continued to question Ch.-Supt. Shmuel Erez, who headed the police team that investigated the case.

The questioning is part of a special hearing by the Jerusalem District Court to determine whether the incriminating evidence given by Weinberg can be used in court, given that a deal for him to become a state's witness fell through.

Itm

Israeli arrested for arson in Australia

An Israeli woman, Maya Katz, 21, was arrested this week on suspicion of participating in the arson of the French Embassy in Perth, Australia. The arson occurred after French President Jacques Chirac announced that France would resume nuclear testing in the Pacific Ocean. Katz was released on bail.

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Young Bonds group due here

Some 160 young Jewish businessmen from the US are due to arrive today for an Israel Bonds mission. The group will stay for two weeks for touring and meetings with government officials.

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Labor sweeps Arab sector in vote for labor councils

MICHAEL YUDELMAN

LABOR won a sweeping victory in the elections for nine Arab labor councils, finishing first in all but two of the towns and villages where elections were held and delivering a stinging blow to Ram, the Histadrut's ruling faction.

The Histadrut's spokeswoman refused to comment on the election results, saying they are preliminary and unofficial. Final results are due by 4 P.M. today.

Labor's Histadrut faction chairman Haim Haberfeld expressed satisfaction with the confidence which the voters showed in Labor and said

the election results "brought Ram back to its real proportions."

According to almost-final results provided by the Histadrut's organization section, which is in charge of the elections, Labor won an overwhelming majority in four of the nine labor councils.

It also received the largest number of votes in all the councils but Saknin, where the Joint Jewish-Arab List got 48% while Labor received 28%, and Umm el-Fahm, where the IL, which ran together with the Sons of the Village list, got 45%.

Two killed on roads

TWO people were killed and nine injured in road accidents yesterday.

The driver of a light truck was killed yesterday afternoon when he swerved into the opposite lane and hit an oncoming car at the Bnei Dror junction in the Sharon. The four occupants of the car suffered moderate injuries. The dead man was not identified.

Truck driver Abu Siam Zafala, 26, from Rahat was fatally hurt when his truck overturned in the southern Hebron hills, near Dha-hiriya. Police investigators said he was speeding.

Several passing motorists stopped to extricate him from the wreckage and brought him to an army roadblock, from which an ambulance was called to take him to Soroka Hospital in Beersheba. He died of his injuries en route.

Five people were injured in the morning in a head-on collision between two cars on the Mevaseret-Tzova road, in the Sataf area near Jerusalem. (Itm)

High schools show increase in violence

BATSHEVA TSUR

SOME twenty-five percent of the country's high-school pupils have brought weapons of self-defense to school at least once, a Bar-Ilan University study has revealed.

At the same time, 60% of the youths questioned admitted they had participated in acts of violence at schools or had been victims of such acts. Most of the victims (74%) were seventh-graders and the rate declined as the youths grew older.

The study was conducted in May-June 1994 by Dr. Yossi Harel and encompassed 8,000 pupils. Education Ministry Director-General Dr. Shimshon Shoshani said yesterday that the findings were misleading. He said they referred only to two months, and this period coincided with the ministry's instructing the schools to report every incident of violence.

"I have not heard that pupils carry pistols," Shoshani said. "We do know however that there are serious problems with bullying in order to collect money, with theft, and with the use of knives and incendiary devices."

Amnesty criticizes Israel, PA and Islamic groups

JON IMMANUEL and ALON PINKAS

AMNESTY International released its annual report on some 150 countries yesterday, and criticized Israel, the Palestinian Authority and Islamic groups for unlawful killings last year.

It accused Israel of treating Mordechai Vamman, convicted of peddling nuclear secrets in 1986, in a manner that was "cruel, inhuman and degrading" and demanded his immediate release as "redress for the past and persistent violations of his human rights."

The report said Palestinian detainees "continued to be systematically tortured or ill-treated during interrogation." It included southern Lebanon as part of the "Israeli-occupied territories" where violations occur.

Amnesty accused Israel of blowing up houses as punishment even after operations against wanted gunmen were completed. It cited evidence that on one occasion "explosives were used after houses were stormed."

It said that more than 70 Palestinians were killed as collaborators by Palestinian groups. Almost 20 were killed in other circumstances, in two cases under torture. It urged the PA to introduce clear procedures governing arrest, detention and interrogation. The PA did not respond to the Amnesty charges.

Hamas, however, did respond, saying it "was anxious not to inflict any harm on civilians," but this could be guaranteed only "if settlers were disarmed and forced out of the territories they illegally occupy."

The IDF said last night that Amnesty ignores the fact that armed terrorists operate in cities throughout the administered territories.

Security forces operate strictly according to procedures determined by both the judge advocate-general and the State Prosecutor's Office. In various instances, these procedures are also reviewed by the Supreme Court.

Guidelines governing the use of firearms and opening fire are similar to those used in other Western countries. In the event of a killing, the Military Police conducts an investigation, which is then reviewed by the Judge Advocate-General.

Concerning house demolitions, the IDF said it never has and does not use this as a punitive measure, and that it is only used in extreme cases.

Hizbullah kills Amal gunman by mistake

DAVID RUDGE

A GUNMAN from the Amal Shi'ite movement was killed and two others wounded in a clash early yesterday morning with rival Hizbullah organization members, in an apparent case of mistaken identity.

The incident occurred near Yatar village, north of the security zone. Both organizations tried to blame the incident on Israel, saying that their fighters had jointly repulsed an incursion by IDF troops in the region.

There was no confirmation from any other sources, however, of any activity by IDF or South Lebanese Army troops in that region.

Rabbis put an end to music festival

RABBIS and yeshiva heads have intervened to force cancellation of a planned music festival at the Tzemaah Beach for observant youth, which was to include Ethniks, Danny Sandemon and several bands made up of observant youths.

Despite promises of separate swimming and kosher food, the wave of opposition led organizers to agree to cancel the event, with promises they would stage a more acceptable program later.

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Shetreet unveils burial reforms

RELIGIOUS Affairs Minister Shimon Shetreet yesterday unveiled reforms designed to make burial in the country more user-friendly.

The reforms follow reports last month that Tel Aviv burial society employees make astronomical wages, with the director making NIS 76,000 a month, and grave-diggers grossing NIS 16,700.

Shetreet was speaking to members of dozens of burial societies at a meeting at Jerusalem's Bible Lands Museum.

Afterward, the officials renewed their business licenses after signing an agreement to comply with the reforms.

Among the main points of the reform are:

- Burial societies, except for those which serve one specific ethnic community or sector of the population, must set aside in their cemeteries a special section for people whose Jewishness is uncertain.
- The burial societies will allow gravestone inscriptions in languages other than Hebrew.
- The maximum wage of burial society heads and their workers will not be more than three times the country's average salary, currently NIS 4,300 a month.
- Every burial society will be obliged to have a public representative on its board of directors.

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● The Religious Affairs Ministry is in the process of establishing set prices for burial services and special plots, such as plots next to relatives.

In addition to special sections in each cemetery for those whose Jewishness is in question, the ministry is also setting up cemeteries for those who do not want to or are unable to be buried in Jewish cemeteries according to halacha.

Shetreet said the ministry is also setting up a 24-hour hot line with burial information, as well as a consumer protection agency for those who have to arrange

funerals.

In addition, the ministry is re-evaluating its policy regarding burials of foreign residents.

Shetreet said that one of the possibilities being considered is that these people will no longer be allowed to be buried in public cemeteries, but rather in private cemeteries that will be set up for them.

The reforms were not universally applauded.

Simha Meron, head of Kehilat Yerushalayim, Jerusalem's largest burial society, exchanged angry words with Shetreet, saying he has no legal right to set conditions for burial societies that are not run by the religious councils.

"It would be like a government trying to dictate policy to the Israel Museum," he said after the meeting. "Many of the burial societies are private non-profit organizations, and he cannot dictate policy."

Meron threatened court action if some of the guidelines are not changed.

Meron also complained that Shetreet had drawn up his reforms without first consulting the burial societies.

Shetreet responded, "We do not have to ask the head of every burial society before making a decision. There are people in the ministry who are well versed on the matter."

Pardess Hanna undertaker tells tale of two plots in his town

OH what stories they tell at undertaker conventions.

Yitzhak Zrihan, head of the Pardess Hanna burial society, inadvertently had his colleagues roaring yesterday with a tale about a recent burial in his town. Zrihan said that two weeks ago a family called just before Shabbat

and wanted to bury a relative.

When the burial society said it was too close to Shabbat for a funeral, the family took the initiative.

They went to the local cemetery, picked a plot and buried the man themselves.

On Sunday, Zrihan said, the

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burial society, which could not tolerate its authority being undermined, received all the necessary permits.

It exhumed the body and buried it in another plot.

The burial society didn't know

who they were dealing with.

The family re-exhumed the body and buried the man in the original plot.

"Don't laugh," Zrihan told colleagues, who had burst out in laughter.

"We then turned to the police, but they said they don't want to

get involved," he said.

Turning to Religious Affairs Ministry Shimon Shetreet, Zrihan said, "We have no one to protect us."

Shetreet promised to talk to the police minister about the matter.

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A Jewish National Fund forester yesterday cuts down one of the burned trees on Moshav Shores that are in danger of falling on nearby houses or passersby. (Flash 90)

Reservoir sediment may prove a boon to local industry

DAVID RUDGE

A NATURAL resource that could be a boon for certain industries has been discovered in sediment lining the bottom of catch-flood reservoirs in the Negev, Mekorot officials revealed yesterday.

It may not be gold, but some of the sediment does have properties which are in great demand in the manufacture of ceramics and cement.

Extensive tests carried out by researchers from Ben-Gurion University, who made the discovery, have shown the material is of excellent quality. Furthermore, geological studies have revealed there are sufficient quantities of the material, in the form of fine grains which have accumulated in the reservoirs, to make dredging economically viable.

Mekorot officials said the ceramic material had been discovered in three of its catch-flood reservoirs, Shikma, Eshet, and Nekorot, in the south.

The officials noted that reservoirs were constructed to retain as much water as possible from the floods which sweep through parts of the Negev during the winter and which would otherwise be lost.

The flood waters, however, bring with them large quantities of debris, such as tree stumps, branches, rocks, stones, sand and other materials which gradually collect and accumulate in the reservoirs.

The debris and sediment usually separates itself naturally, collecting in different piles in the pools, according to weight and size.

For Mekorot engineers, the accumulation of sediment has proved a headache because it reduces the water storage capacity of the reservoirs and is costly to remove.

But according to researchers, what was thought to be a nuisance has proved to be a material which is in great demand in the manufacture of ceramics and cement.

Would-be bank robber foiled by police posing as tellers

A TWENTY-YEAR-OLD Jaffa man was arrested by detectives posing as bank clerks, after he attempted to hold up a Jaffa bank yesterday.

The man entered the bank carrying a plastic Kalashnikov rifle and a knife and yelled: "This is a stick-up." After the tellers ran into a side room, the robber, realizing there was no one left to hand over the money, fled with the two detectives in pursuit.

Officers Asher Cohen and Tamir Rafael ordered him to halt, and Cohen caught up with the

suspect in a nearby yard. The suspect, who had worn a stocking mask during the robbery and threw it off while running away, turned out to be known to police. He lives only a few houses away from the bank.

Tel Aviv police chief Cmdr. Gabi Last said the police would continue to place officers in banks around the Dan region in the coming days. Police have been on guard in banks in the area for the past 10 days, with the police - not the banks - bearing the cost. (Itim)

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Immigrant has liver transplant abroad

A 27-year-old immigrant from the CIS, Julia Lovensky, had a liver transplant in Germany over the weekend after her condition declined drastically at Sheba Hospital and no donor organ was available here. Within 24 hours, the hospital and Rabbi Yehoshua Pirer, of the Ezra U'Marpeh organization, organized her flight and arrangements with the German transplant center. Her new liver has begun to function, according to Sheba officials. The Maccabi health fund paid \$220,000 for the operation. Judy Siegel

Low demand for 'identified' phone calls

Bezeq is disappointed by the unexpectedly low demand for its heavily promoted "identified call" service, in which the subscriber can see the phone number of the caller even without picking up the phone. During its first two or three months, only 10,000 subscribers have asked for it. Judy Siegel

Beilin to discuss Iran with Russians

Deputy Foreign Minister Yossi Beilin left last night for Moscow to discuss Israel's concern over Russia's involvement and political ties with Iran. He will meet with Russian Foreign Minister Andrei Kozyrev, his deputy, and other senior officials. Jerusalem Post Staff

Business as usual at Shores

The Shores guest house is back in business, despite the fire which destroyed the surrounding forest and 30 of the homes in the moshav. The guest house is presently accommodating the homeless families, and taking reservations. On Sunday it is to host a three-week international conference on special education as planned. Haim Shapiro

Shahal to attend Menem inauguration

Police Minister Moshe Shahal leaves today for Argentina, where he will represent Israel at President Carlos Menem's reinauguration ceremony. During his visit, Shahal will also meet with leaders of the Argentine Jewish community. He is to return on Monday. Jerusalem Post Staff

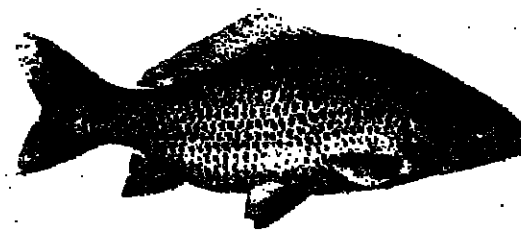
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Major promotes rivals in cabinet

LONDON - Moving quickly but cautiously to capitalize on a hard-fought party leadership race, Prime Minister John Major appointed a new Cabinet line-up yesterday which showed no sharp change in the government's direction but promoted the two men regarded as his greatest rivals.

Major also promoted a trusted ally, Defense Secretary Malcolm Rifkind, to succeed the retiring foreign secretary, Douglas Hurd, and left Kenneth Clarke in charge of the Treasury.

He named pro-European Michael Heseltine as deputy prime minister and first secretary of state as a reward for his loyalty in the campaign for the bruising leadership bout.

Heseltine's duties weren't immediately clear, but it was expected that he would take a larger role as a spokesman for the government and the Conservative party.

But he pleased his "Euroskeptics" critics by promoting Michael Portillo, the standard bearer of the party's right wing, to the prominent but politically tricky job of defense secretary.

Portillo succeeds Rifkind, who was rewarded for his staunch support of the prime minister with the post of Hurd, who announced his retirement last month.

Rifkind, swimming with the prevailing tide in the Conservative Party, has adopted a more skeptical stance in recent months toward Britain's role in the European Union and will be less closely identified with the interests of Brussels than was Hurd.

This will please right-wing rebels whose attacks on the prime minister, over his leadership style and his European policy, led him to resign the party leadership on June 22.

The new lineup of ministers

LONDON (AP) - The new British Cabinet announced yesterday by Prime Minister John Major:

Trade Secretary - Ian Lang
Lord President of the Council - Tony Newton
Environment Secretary - John Gummer
Social Security Secretary - Peter Lilley
Chief Secretary to the Treasury - William Waldegrave
Northern Ireland Secretary - Sir Patrick Mayhew
National Heritage Secretary - Virginia Bottomley
Defense Secretary - Michael Portillo
Minister without Portfolio and Party Chairman - Brian Mawhinney
Health Secretary - Stephen Dorrell
Lord Privy Seal and Leader in the House of Lords - Lord Cranborne
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Welsh Secretary - William Hague
Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster - Roger Freeman

Right-winger John Redwood resigned from the cabinet and challenged Major for the Conservative leadership. Major won the contest, polling 218 votes to Redwood's 89.

Major, deftly balancing the right-wing and pro-European factions in his divided party, brought five newcomers into his 23-member cabinet. There was no place for Redwood.

Major fired party chairman Jeremy Hanley, a further indication that the prime minister hopes to improve the government's public presentation. Hanley's job went to Brian Mawhinney, who had been a combative transport secretary.

Jonathan Aitken, the No. 2 official at the Treasury, resigned. Aitken is pursuing libel suits against a newspaper and a television program which accused him of unethical activities, and his past activities as an arms trader are under investigation.

In the end, it may all only mean that Major will lead the Conservatives to defeat in a national election within two years. But once again, he demonstrated that his opponents often underestimate his political skills.

He won despite the open hostility of most of the traditionally Conservative press, and despite sniping and faint praise from his predecessor, Margaret Thatcher.

The Tories' deepest divisions are on Britain's role in the European Union, an issue which many in the party regard as a matter of national sovereignty.

Major didn't give further concession to the "Euroskeptics" in the campaign, and Clarke, one of the most prominent enthusiasts for European union, kept his job as Treasury chief.

UN considers risks of Sarajevo aid route

SARAJEVO (Reuters) - The United Nations weighed the options for its tenuous aid supplies to Sarajevo yesterday with France saying a new rapid reaction force could be ready soon to open a road to the Bosnian capital by force.

"If nothing has moved in the next few days regarding access to Sarajevo, we will clearly have to take action to restore a more normal life for Sarajevo residents," France's armed forces chief, Admiral Jacques Lanxade, told Radio France.

In Geneva, UN Secretary-General Boutros Boutros-Ghali said he was determined the 10,000-strong rapid reaction force would be used to reinforce the United Nations Protection Force (UNPROFOR) in the former Yugoslavia, not to prepare them for a withdrawal.

"I will do everything in my power to maintain UNPROFOR in Bosnia, because I believe that a pullout would aggravate the situation and make more difficult not only our diplomatic efforts but also our humanitarian operations," he added.

French UN troops, ignoring Bosnian Serb threats, began driv-

ing trucks at night over the treacherous Mount Igman route to Sarajevo four days ago - coming under attack from the Serb forces laying siege to the Bosnian capital.

A French soldier was wounded by shrapnel when Serbs targeted a convoy with machine gun fire, compelling the UN troops to respond with a mortar and anti-tank fire.

Lanxade said the reinforcements of the rapid reaction force would be ready as early as the weekend to beef up the UN peacekeeping and humanitarian effort - if necessary forcing a way to Sarajevo.

Boutros-Ghali said the Franco-British-Dutch reaction force, with US logistical support, had been set up to provide a means to respond to attacks on UNPROFOR. It was set up shortly after almost 400 UN personnel were taken hostage by Bosnian Serbs.

Since the hostages' release, there have been growing suggestions from the Moslem-led government that the UN should lift its arms embargo, pull out and give government troops free rein to fight the rebel Bosnian Serbs.

In Sarajevo the war of attrition went on. Bosnian health authori-

ties said four people were killed and 17 wounded in shelling in the 24 hours to 9 a.m. yesterday.

On the battlefields around Sarajevo little information trickled out about government army offensives and the Bosnian Serb attempts to repulse them.

A UN official said infantry attacks around Hadzici, to the west of Sarajevo, had ended in stalemate after two days of fighting with heavy casualties on both sides and no apparent change in lines.

In the encircled government enclave of Bihac in the northwest, the UN suspected Serb forces from the Krajina region of Croatia combined with those of rebel Moslem warlord Fikret Abdic were pushing south into the pocket.

While Lanxade spoke optimistically about the prospects for getting the rapid reaction force under way, the UN continued to report problems with getting access to key roads.

Bosnian Croats have barred a crossing on the Croatian border to the force until its mission was clarified.

UN spokesman Alexander Ivanko said UN envoy Yasushi Akashi was negotiating the opening of the crossing point.

Another Cali kingpin caught

BOGOTA (AP) - A long-sought leader of the Cali drug cartel has been arrested after being spotted at a Bogota restaurant by another diner - a bodyguard for the national police chief.

Jose Santacruz Londono, believed to be the No. 3 figure in the cartel that supplies 80 percent of the world's cocaine, was arrested Tuesday night. The US government says Santacruz, alias "Chepe," consolidated the gang's sales network in New York.

He is the fourth leader of the cartel taken into custody within a month. Gilberto Rodriguez Orejuela, considered the cartel's strategic planner, was captured June 9. Two other leaders surrendered last month.

Three top leaders, including Rodriguez's brother Miguel, are at large.

Colombia, under US pressure, has raided cartel hideouts in Cali and offered rewards for the capture of drug kingpins.

Two people split a \$1.76 million reward for information leading to Rodriguez's arrest, and were relocated abroad.

Police believe Santacruz had been in Bogota, the capital, for about 1 1/2 months, escaping



Cali cartel drug lord Jose Santacruz Londono is escorted by Colombian Police Chief Rosso Jose Serrano (second from left) after being captured in Bogota on Tuesday. (Reuters)

heavy police pressure in Cali, a southwestern city. Police had offered a \$625,000 reward for his arrest.

He was dining at a barbecue restaurant with three or four friends.

"I guess he didn't think he

would ever get caught," Pinzon said. "He was wrong."

Also at the restaurant, coincidentally, was a bodyguard for Gen. Jose Serrano, national police chief, said police spokesman Victor Pinzon.

Santacruz, 52, and his friends were drinking vodka and rum when eight police entered and arrested the cartel kingpin, said Ernesto Buitrago, owner of the barbecue restaurant.

"Santacruz paid the bill before he was taken away, which was nice of him," Buitrago said. The arrest lasted a couple of minutes and was peaceful.

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One million fight widespread floods in south China

BEIJING (Reuters) - One million soldiers and civilians in China's southern Jiangxi province are fighting floods that have caused damage worth 9.7 billion yuan (NIS 3.5 billion), official reports said yesterday.

Floods have killed several hundred people in Jiangxi and at least 387 in the neighboring province of Hunan, according to reports in official newspapers.

Heavy rain since April and especially in June has affected 88 percent of Jiangxi counties and 16 million people, toppling 130,000 homes and flooding one million hectares of crops, the state-run China Women's Daily said.

Heavy rains have swollen the Yangtze River to a record level for this time of year in the central city of Wuhan, the China News Service reported yesterday.

The water level had reached 27.35 meters, half a meter above the danger level, prompting authorities to order all citizens to be on flood alert and improve building of dikes, it said.

In Hunan province in southern China, floods have affected 17 million people and brought down more than 280,000 homes, official reports have said.

State television yesterday showed soldiers fighting the floods in Hunan, rescuing stranded people on boats and repairing dikes with sandbags.

Amnesty: Human rights abuses have hit the streets

LONDON (AP) - Human rights violations have moved out of the prisons and on to the streets, with mass killings, summary executions and "disappearances" on the increase, Amnesty International said in its annual report published in London yesterday.

There has been "a changing pattern of human rights violations," said Amnesty's General Secretary, Pierre Sané.

"In 1994, what we have seen are gross, massive violations of human rights taking place in the streets more than in the prison cells," Sané said in a statement.

Preeminent among the human rights violations was the genocide carried out against the Tutsi minority in Rwanda in 1994, Amnesty said.

More than half a million people were killed by Hutu-dominated government forces and extremist militias. In neighboring Burundi, the tables were turned, and Tutsis killed thousands of Hutu.

Similar massacres in other parts of Africa include those carried out by government and

opposition troops in Angola, Liberia and Sierra Leone.

In Guatemala, the report said, summary executions have increased significantly, with human rights workers, government opponents and journalists among the nearly 300 victims and 30 "disappeared."

In Colombia, government and quasi-government forces were behind more than 1,000 extrajudicial deaths and 140 disappearances, Amnesty's report said.

Amnesty said that hundreds of civilians were killed extrajudicially by government and opposition forces in Algeria, and that extrajudicial killings continued in East Timor, as Indonesia attempted to repress national movements there.

Western nations were not exempt from the charge of extrajudicial behavior. In France, Amnesty said the courts gave only "nominal" sentences to policemen guilty of unlawful shootings and killings.

In all, extrajudicial executions occurred in

54 of the 151 countries mentioned in the 353-page report, and people were known to have disappeared in 29 countries.

"What we want is to create a climate where impunity will prevail no more," Sané said. "What we want is for the perpetrators to be brought to justice."

The Amnesty report also chronicled the continuance of more conventional human rights violations in 151 countries, including:

- prisoners of conscience in 78 countries;
- torture and ill-treatment of detainees in 120 countries;
- armed opposition groups carried out torture, hostage taking and arbitrary killings in 36 countries;
- executions were carried out in 36 countries, and 57 countries continued to maintain death rows.

Amnesty leads an international campaign against the death penalty. It noted 31 executions in 13 American states, and 2,870 prisoners on death row in 35.

Russia to keep ruble stable

MOSCOW (AP) - In a major expression of confidence, Russia yesterday pledged to keep the ruble stable below 4,900 to the dollar until at least October.

The statement marked the first time that the government has officially targeted the ruble rate since it allowed the market to set the exchange rate in 1992.

It follows a stunning turnaround for the ruble, which has recovered 11 percent of its value since hitting a low of 5,130 in early May. When the Soviet Union collapsed in December 1991, a dollar fetched about 90 rubles.

In a statement issued to the press, the government said the Central Bank would keep the ruble between 4,300 and 4,900 per dollar from July 6 through Oct. 1.

It said the new policy was aimed at "maintaining stability on the currency market and defending domestic producers and the population."

Yesterday's move indicates that the Central Bank is confident its dollar reserves - believed to be near \$10 billion - are large enough to allow it to defend the ruble on the currency exchanges.

The government goal will be to maintain the ruble without fueling inflation - one lawmaker called this overly ambitious.

"They are prisoners of their own illusions about the decline of inflation," said Mikhail Zadornov, chairman of the State Duma's budget committee. He predicted that monthly inflation, which dropped to 6.7 percent in June, would rise in the fall.

President Boris Yeltsin yesterday named the controversial interior minister he sacked only days ago for incompetence to a top intelligence post.

Viktor Yerin, a longtime Yeltsin ally, will be deputy head of the Foreign Intelligence Service, including overseas spying.

Armenians flock to the polls

YEREVAN (Reuters) - The people of Armenia flocked to polling stations yesterday to vote in the first parliamentary election since Soviet rule ended and in a constitutional referendum which could boost the powers of its president.

Central election commission officials, responding to complaints about lengthy queues in some polling stations, extended the voting time by two hours to 10 p.m. Extra polling booths were also installed.

"We have a total of three ballot papers which creates some complications. The queues are very long. Some people are waiting an hour or 90 minutes and we decided to extend polling by two hours," commission member Rosalina Gabrielyan told reporters.

Interfax news agency quoted the commission as saying it expected 2.4 million people, or around 70 percent of the country's population, to take part.

Voters were electing 190 members of parliament and deciding whether to approve a constitution increasing the authority of President Levon Ter-Petrosyan to what opposition leaders and some diplomats fear would be alarming levels.

Ordinary voters appeared more concerned by hopes a new parliament would help ease their economic woes.

"I will vote against the constitution because life is bad here. We have only one or two hours of electricity a day," said Bagrat Khachabryan, a man in his 40s.

Political tensions are running high in Armenia, with some opposition parties saying the election was unfair and alleging rules were being manipulated to shut some parties out.

But parliamentary speaker Babken Arakatsyan rejected the criticism, saying the poll was fully democratic.

Belfast riots continue

BELFAST (AP) - Gangs torched cars and buildings and attacked police early yesterday for a third day of riots following the freeing of a British soldier convicted of murdering a Catholic woman.

Police headquarters said violence flared in the city and other towns in the British-ruled province and continued sporadically until about 5 a.m.

Since midday Monday rioters have burned about 200 cars, trucks and other heavy vehicles across Northern Ireland, attacked the predominantly Protestant police and thrown up road barricades.

Tuesday night's resumed riots began shortly after anti-police protests staged by the IRA supporting Sinn Fein party outside five stations in west, north and east Belfast.

It has been by far the worst display of Catholic anger since the Irish Republican Army began a cease-fire last September.

Sinn Fein President Gerry Adams urged working-class Catholics to protest peacefully and denied allegations by police and moderate Catholic politicians that Sinn Fein was encouraging violence.

"Sinn Fein was not involved in orchestrating anything other than peaceful demonstrations. ... I'm appealing for calm," he said.

"People do feel a deep sense of injustice," said Pat McGee, a Belfast councilman for Sinn Fein and a former IRA prisoner. He said his supporters expected Britain to free some of the more than 600 IRA prisoners now held or more violence would be inevitable.

Gangs of young men and youths laid siege to one of the main police-army barracks in Catholic west Belfast early yesterday.

They threw more than 60 gasoline bombs at New Barnsley station before police responded with salvos of plastic bullets, 10 cm long hard cylinders fired at 320 kph.

In north Belfast rioters torched a car showroom, destroying the building and 19 autos, and rioters burned cars and a bus and tried to hit passing police patrols with gasoline bombs.

None of the officers was reported injured because they generally stayed inside their armored patrol vans. They arrested four suspected rioters overnight, along with 32 arrested Monday, but did not challenge most of the mobs.

Rioters also hijacked vehicles at Crossmaglen, 70 km southwest of Belfast and at nearby Newry, and burned a tire depot at Dungannon 50 km west.

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The implementation phase

THERE is still much that is ambiguous about the agreement reached by Foreign Minister Shimon Peres and PA Chairman Yasser Arafat. But if one thing is clear, it is that the implementation phase of the Declaration of Principles in Judea and Samaria has begun. Those who kept hoping that only Gaza and Jericho would be forfeited must now face a new reality.

That this phase has been delayed for more than a year is due almost solely to terrorist activity. Had the handshake on the White House lawn been followed by calm and reconciliation, or at least a steep decline in terrorism, the timetable envisioned in Oslo would have been kept. Instead, the number of terror victims grew to unprecedented proportions, and the fear of personal danger spread to center of Tel Aviv. Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin soon realized that he had to freeze the process.

It was only after the two suicide bombings in Gaza that Arafat was made to understand the Oslo agreement would collapse unless terrorism ceased. To his credit, he managed to persuade the Islamic leaders - who are just as eager as he is to have Israel withdraw from the territories - to quietly effect a cease-fire.

Enlightened by this experience, the government has now demanded that before the IDF withdraws from the Arab cities and, later, the rest of the territories, two conditions must be met. Terrorism must be brought under control, and the clauses in the PLO covenant which call

for Israel's destruction must be rescinded. Clearly, the Israeli public will not accept a peace agreement which does not end terrorism, nor trust an organization which adheres to a charter advocating Israel's demise.

So far so good. But the trouble with such conditions is they are no match for the momentum of the process. Rabin made the very same conditions in August 1993, before signing the DOP. But the PLO's failure to amend its charter and combat terrorism neither stopped Israel's withdrawal from Gaza and Jericho nor retarded world recognition of the Palestinian Authority.

It is doubtful, then, that the government will allow the process to collapse by halting withdrawal if the PLO again fails to live up to its obligations. It is far more likely that it will deny or minimize facts that get in the way of its theories. Even now, Peres keeps alluding to Gaza as a paradise of peace and coexistence, when in fact it is a hotbed of terrorist activity and a growing arsenal. That all the recent attempts by Gaza-based terrorists to kill Israelis have fortunately failed is hardly an indication of the Strip's pacific intent.

Many commentators, including those who have heatedly supported the Oslo agreement, now realize that the government's course can only lead to an Israeli withdrawal to the 1949 armistice lines and the redrawing of Jerusalem. The government obviously believes this will lead to peace. It would be nice if the facts of life in the Middle East supported this belief.

First among losers

WHILE British Prime Minister John Major's party faithful continue to celebrate his leadership victory, and his new cabinet ministers admire their portfolios, it is difficult for the rest of the world to see what the exercise has achieved. One of the most interesting and ignored aspects of the Conservative Party election campaign was the flood of callers to radio and television talk shows who chose to ignore interviewers' questions about the candidates and instead demanded that the country, not the party, should have been given the option to comment on the government's performance.

It was clear from the seething anger of many callers, and from the more dispassionate opinion polls, that had Major's leadership been put to the national test, there would have been little for himself or his party to be celebrating. It seems once again politicians have fallen into the same old delusion of believing that who they are is more important than what they do. When Major resigned his party position and asked for reelection by challenging his critics of "put up or shut up," he may have made the mistake of thinking the country, frankly, gives a damn. Even the crunch issue in the ruling party - the clash between Euroskeptics and Euroenthusiasts - comes pretty far down the list of priorities of the average Briton.

Way up high on ordinary folks' concerns are the ordinary issues that dominate how they live - their jobs, income, health and safety of their families. For the government politicians that should translate urgently into issues of unemployment, economics, crime-fighting, and the health and social services. Westminster politicians taking time off for some mid-term

personal score-settling in a private poll is unlikely to be remembered fondly in the public voting booths come the next election day.

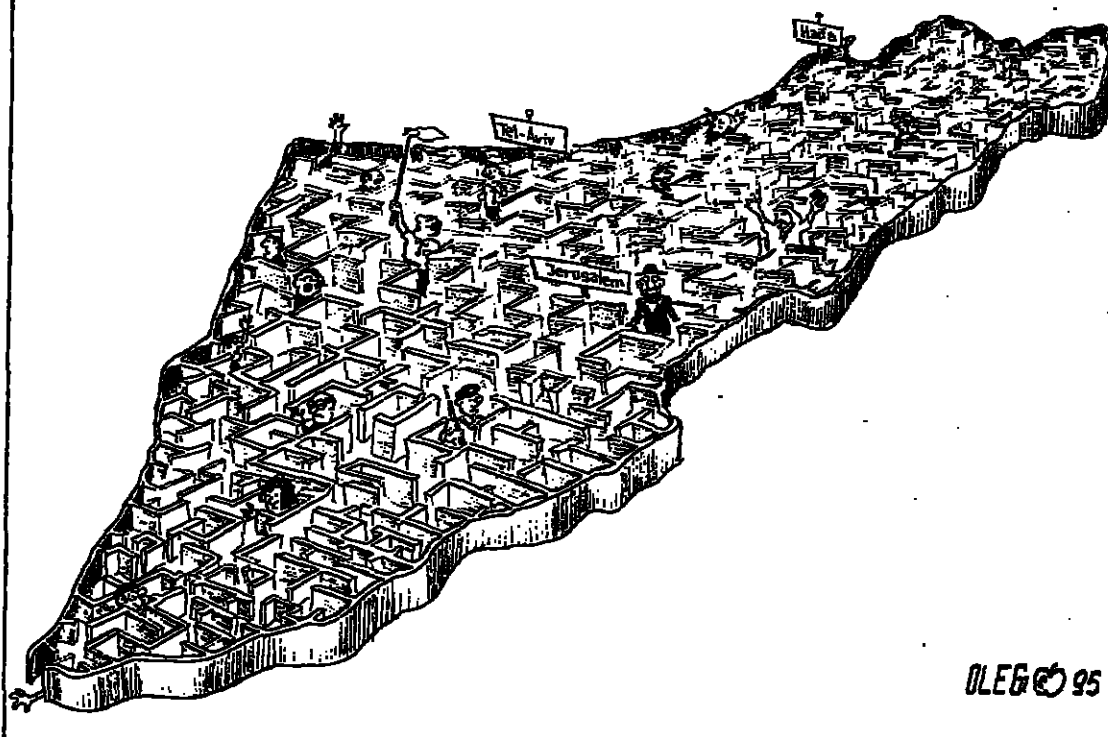
Certainly, there has been massive domestic coverage - and some bemused international interest - in the British leadership saga. But Major and his new cabinet will be seriously deluding themselves if they think the media's coverage of a rattling good personality story will retain public interest any longer than the concurrent soap opera of actor Hugh Grant's hooker and girlfriend.

All across the democracies irritated voters are demonstrating with new ferocity that while they think politicians make amusing title-tattle, public affairs are far too serious to be left for too long in the hands of any one group. This voter animosity is no longer defined on the crumbling ramparts of left-right loyalties, but by measurement of performance.

There is little hope Major's government will follow his own dictum and put up or shut up on European affairs. The Conservative Party remains riven from top to bottom on European matters like open borders, further integration, and the single currency. Major remains where he was, and so do his party's divisions. In fact, by appointing as foreign secretary Malcolm Rifkind, who leans more to Euroscepticism than the enthusiastic Douglas Hurd did, Major risks further exasperating both the Europeans and his British voters when the more than 100 rebels in his party smell weakness and return to the battle.

Major may have won some sort of victory in the Tory goldfish bowl. There are indications the next election may prove he merely came out first among losers.

THE PERFECT SEPARATION PLAN



Past masters of deceit

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PRIME Minister Rabin was telling nothing but the truth when he claimed that he hadn't read the leaked secret document about major Israeli concessions regarding surrender of the Golan to Syria.

He didn't need to read it because he dictated it - directly or indirectly - to one or more of his highest-ranking officers. It was then duly and obediently signed by Brig-Gen. Zvi Stauber.

Opposition leader Binyamin Netanyahu was savaged by some members of the government for stealing the document, and criticized by others for taking it from an army officer - as though he had procured it in some dark alley. Sources close to the investigation of the leak are now convinced that neither charge is true. Investigators are pointing a finger at the Foreign Ministry.

For reasons amply suited to the policy of Foreign Minister Peres, the contents of the document were leaked to a well-known journalist, who ensured that they reached Netanyahu.

For those contents to see the light of day, the Likud leader could have chosen either to use another journalist, or go public with the document himself. He made the right decision, one that was in the interests of the country. He clearly felt it his duty to report the matter directly to the nation.

According to a source at general army headquarters, the leak was being investigated even before the Likud leader produced the report in the Knesset.

And the Americans knew about the contents of the document long before it came into Netanyahu's hands. Indeed, the White House and Secretary of State Christopher revealed important details from it to President Assad.

The object was to obtain the Syrian leader's gracious permission for the commander of the Syrian army to meet with Chief of Staff Amnon Lipkin-Shahak in Washington. Assad had previously rejected the idea of this meeting out of hand.

During his time as ambassador to the US, Rabin himself ruefully admitted to a writer of this column: "It's impossible to stop leaks from the Foreign Ministry. Its upper echelons feel so immune from criticism that they even leak my 'top secret' cyphered cables sent to

Israel. I read about them in the papers next day."

And who can forget that Peres was accused of personally leaking prime minister Menachem Begin's plan to bomb Iraq's Osirak nuclear reactor on the outskirts of Baghdad in 1981? (Peres might well have imperiled the lives of Israeli airmen, so strong was his opposition to destroying the Baghdad atomic bomb.)

As a result of the leak, Begin was forced to postpone the attack until he could be absolutely certain that Peres was in the dark.

Thus it ill behooves Peres to criticize Netanyahu for informing the Israeli public of Israel's planned surrender to Syria.

THE LEAK of the Golan Heights document is part of the long-run

There was dirty work in high places when the opposition leader was accused of stealing the notorious Golan document

ring and bitter personal vendetta between Peres and Rabin.

Deeply critical of the massive flaws in Peres's Oslo accords with the PLO, Rabin decided he would handle such matters himself in future. He composed the peace treaty with King Hussein via the Mossad without the Foreign Ministry knowing a single detail of the deal. He has conducted negotiations with Hafez Assad via army headquarters. Naturally, this has aroused deep resentment in Peres's aides.

And Rabin kept his latest round of concessions, as outlined in the document, close to his chest. Brig-Gen. Stauber would not have signed such explosive material had it not been composed by the defense minister. Stauber has had many years of experience as a top intelligence officer, and is well aware of the great risk of documents being leaked.

Why would Stauber risk his neck in signing such a fateful document unless he was fulfilling his boss's wishes? Signing it without being so officially directed would have been an unprecedented act of insubordination.

So who leaked the document? The search by the field security unit, military investigators, and military police has been thorough. Many officers have been humiliated. Lie detectors have been employed. Yet so far, the frantic search appears to have produced very little. There is no indication that any officer gave the document to Netanyahu.

Discreet enquiries have therefore been aimed at the Foreign Ministry, notorious for leaking secrets. Discretion was vital, as investigators were hesitant about crossing the powerful Shimon Peres.

So who did leak this by-now notorious document?

The answer verges on second-rate theatrical farce. We understand that it was originally leaked to the Foreign Office - not to Netanyahu - by a somewhat naive military officer.

Feeling that he was doing foreign ministry officials he had dealt with in the past a favor, the officer slipped them the document. Why not? After all, aren't Rabin and Peres colleagues in the same government?

The officer didn't realize that at the Foreign Ministry, the document would be like mama from heaven. Its contents were a gift to Peres. Once publicized, they would soften Israelis up for the massive Golan surrender Peres has long advocated. The concept was to get citizens used to the idea that the loss of the Golan is inevitable, and to weaken their will to protest. The Foreign Ministry handed over the document to a journalist. Fearing the censor, and hoping to score points with the man who could be the next prime minister, the journalist ensured that it reached Netanyahu.

The rest is history. And Netanyahu, doing his duty as he saw it, is being vilified by men who are past masters at leaking secret information.

The writers are authors of The Mossad: Secrets of the Israeli Secret Service and other books on the Middle East.

Age of anger

RICHARD HARWOOD

ERIC Hobsbawm, the brilliant British historian, begins *The Age of Extremes*, his recent history of the 20th century, with quotations from eminent intellectuals.

Isaiah Berlin (philosopher, Britain): "I have lived through most of the 20th century... I remember it only as the most terrible century in Western history."

Rene Dumont (agronomist, ecologist, France): "I see it only as a century of massacres and wars."

William Golding (Nobel Laureate, writer, Britain): "I can't help thinking this has been the most violent century in history."

As Hobsbawm notes, and we are all vaguely aware, our 20th-century wars have been "total wars" against combatants and civilians alike. The casualties, including the Holocaust, are measured in the tens of millions. The barbarian wars of centuries past were alley fights in comparison.

Civil insurrections in this century were characterized by indiscriminate internecine slaughters of indescribable cruelty, the victims numbering in the hundreds of thousands.

The "megadeaths" since 1914, by an estimate of Zbigniew Brzezinski, have totaled 197 million, "the equivalent of more than one in ten of the total world population in 1900," or roughly the entire population of the US in 1970. Terrorism in its many manifestations has become an enduring fact of life on every continent.

THE PRESS is not particularly equipped to grapple day by day with the complexities of the 20th century and the social and economic convulsions that have occurred on an unparalleled scale. It works hard to keep up with the body count, the successes and fail-

The 20th century has been 'the most terrible' in history

ures, the heart-rending stories of survivors, the remedies offered by politicians, the fixing of blame.

But there are continuities arising out of universal conditions over which the press, governments and other institutions have little or no control.

One can blame, as the president and others imply, the Rush Limbaughs and Gordon Liddy's and their "right wing" constituencies.

But they had no part in the revolutionary episodes of the late '60s and '70s, when university students - America's Students for a Democratic Society, for example - provoked and participated in assaults on governmental institutions and other establishment symbols.

The murderous Shining Path movement of Peru, as Hobsbawm puts it, was "an undesired gift of the staff and students of the University of Ayacucho." So, too, the Red Brigades of Italy and Germany and their counterparts in Nicaragua, El Salvador and other countries of Latin America, where anti-government insurrections were largely organized and led by leftist students and intellectuals.

The point is not right or left but alienation, anger, frustration and, in some cases - like the Long Island commuter train killer or the McDonald's slaughter a few years ago - obvious insanity.

The world population has tripled since 1900 and may double again within 50 years. Agricultural technology has made hundreds of millions of peasants and small farmers obsolete, has driven them from the land into the strange world of urban mega-cities in which their skills are uneeded and unappreciated, their ties to family and community severed, their cultural traditions weakened or destroyed.

In the consumer-driven economies of industrialized nations, expectations rise in the face of diminishing opportunities for unskilled labor and assembly line work. Jobs are transferred by the multinational corporations to countries with cheap labor and few economic controls. Envy, anger and the burdens of failure become widespread.

Hobsbawm concludes: "The old maps and charts which guided human beings singly and collectively through life, no longer represent the landscape through which we move... We do not know where our journey is taking us... Let us hope it will be better, juster and more viable world."

(Washington Post)

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

USEFUL IDIOTS

Sir, - We Israelis exemplify Lenin's dictum, "Useful Idiots."

We condemn the suggestion of transfer of the Arab population as abhorrent and undemocratic, yet we accept without question the Arab right to transfer the Jewish population from Sinai, Gaza, the Golan and maybe even the West Bank. In addition we do the dirty work and actually carry out the transfer of the Jews, overriding Jewish protests in the name of democracy. The Arabs who initiated this transfer in the first place are free from international opprobrium and will laugh all the way to Ashkelon, the Kinneret and Kfar Sava.

We assign the Oslo Declaration and Syrian negotiations the grand label of the "peace process" instead of the less glamorous "negotiating process." As a result, any criticism of the style or content of the negotiations is defined as being against peace. Also, a resounding "no" vote on the Golan withdrawal referendum will result in the international accusation that we Israelis are warmongers and enemies of peace.

We accept the Syrian hypothesis that peace with Israel without total

withdrawal from the Golan is "impossible," yet we overlook the fact that a true peace with an undemocratic Syria is also impossible. Since democracy in Syria is an unrealistic prospect, at least three generations should pass with tangible proof that there is a fundamental change of attitude towards Israel in Syria.

We insist that peace, not territory, will bring security and then spend billions of dollars (mostly donated by the US) to shore up the loss of security resulting from those territorial concessions.

We are all guilty of using the term "Palestinian" to describe the Arab inhabitants of the West Bank and Gaza and go along with the fiction that the West Bank Arabs have a historical legitimacy dating back to Roman times. Our collaboration in this fantasy helps bolster their claim to a "Palestinian state," a claim which is now accepted by the whole world. Long forgotten is the fact that Palestine was the pre-state name of the land associated solely with Jewish history and aspirations.

Herziya.

FENCES

Sir, - The Maginot Line didn't protect the French and the Bar Lev Line plus the Suez Canal didn't keep the Egyptians out of Sinai.

On June 16, you reported that a fence was planned between Kfar Sava and Kalkilya. Fences have

proven to be effective in keeping out dogs and small children. I am glad that I live in the neighborhood of the prime minister's Ramat Aviv apartment instead of in Kfar Sava.

William Simon
Tel Aviv.

ABSURD SITUATION

Sir, - I am writing in response to the recent announcement by the "Justice Minister" of the Palestinian Authority of its intention to uphold an old Jordanian law calling for the execution of any Arab who sells land to Jews.

Here I am, a Jewish American, and I see a nice house in Samaria with a for-sale sign. This house is owned by a Palestinian. He can't sell it to me because the PA says he will die if he does. And then, because I am American and Jewish and, of course, want peace in the Middle East, I am supposed to follow the party line and inform my senators and congressmen that I support keeping half a billion dollars flowing to the Palestinian Authority. They still maintain that it is death for someone who sells property to me, but will accept my tax dollars, no questions asked.

This is an absurd manifestation of an absurd situation. I'd laugh if it didn't hurt so much.

M.L. HALTEMAN
Washington.

MAGNETIC BANDS

Sir, - This may be of general interest and importance to your readers: Credit cards (and other such cards with magnetic bands such as the Kupat Holim membership card, etc.) lose their magnetic quality if kept in a purse with a magnetic closure clip. It happened to me and believe me, I was not amused.

MARGE E. LANDSBERG
Haifa.

PICTURE POSTSCRIPT



In one of the more unusual religious practises we've come across recently, these women in Madras, India, are lying down to have their hands run over. They are undergoing training to become Catholic nuns, and this is part of their martial-arts training. (AP)

Be flexible and enjoy more of life

DEAR RUTHIE

RUTHIE BLUM



Dear Ruthie,
I married for the first time last year, at the age of 45.

My husband has a 17-year-old son from his first marriage who has lived with his mother since the divorce. At my age, I consider having my own child out of the question. So, when my stepson came to his father recently to ask if he could come and live with us, I was not pleased.

I don't know how to act around teenagers. And I resent having to alter my living circumstances drastically to include this particular teenager, as he was not part of the deal when I got married.

My husband would let his son move in, if it weren't for my reservations. I don't know what to do.

Out-of-Step Stepmother
Somewhere in Israel

Dear Out of Step,

Not having bargained for an additional occupant in your life when you got married is entirely beside the point. Unexpected turns of events are what life is all about. Your marriage, for example, was just one of these unexpected turns.

The issue here is whether your inflexibility will benefit or hurt you. I believe it is the latter. In the process of shunning difficult situations, many interesting and pleasurable ones are shut out. You have a golden opportunity here to widen your horizons, by learning how to "act" around teenagers, by learning to get along with this particular teenager, and by giving your husband the chance to live with his son for a while.

What you should also take into account is your stepson's age. In a year, he will be off to the army. In a few more he will be a full adult, off on his own.

Dear Ruthie,
I have a problem which is as humiliating to me as it is serious. So much so that I cannot bring

myself to get professional help. I realize that without help, I have no chance of overcoming my problem, but I do not know how to overcome my pain at having to reveal it to anyone - even a "shrink." Can you suggest something that would help me take the first step?

Hesitant about Help
Somewhere in Israel

Dear Hesitant,

If anonymity has helped you take this first step, try using it as a first step with a professional. You need to be reassured and feel comfortable before confronting someone face-to-face with your problem.

Begin seeking help over the telephone, either through one of the numerous "hot-lines" (depending on what the problem is), or directly to a "shrink." This may give you at least the initial boost of courage you need to push you to begin treatment of the actual problem.

Dear Ruthie,
I have three weddings to go to next month. Each is the wedding of a child of a colleague at work. I hate giving money as a present, but I don't know personally any of the soon-to-be marrieds. What can I possibly give?

Gift Garbled
Ashkelon

Dear GG,

Cook books are useful in any home. What's more - they can be exchanged. To "dress up" the gift, you can include something relevant to the theme of the book. For example, buy a Chinese cook book and a wok, or a pasta book with a pasta machine, or a general cook book with a set of measuring cups, etc... depending, of course, on your budget.

Letters should be addressed to: "Dear Ruthie," POB 81, 91000 Jerusalem. (Ruthie regrets not being able to guarantee publication of every letter, but will answer every letter received.)

BOOKS

JONATHAN YARDLEY

GIVEN American culture's bottomless capacity for inanity, it is entirely possible that the year will see the publication of a work of fiction more moronic than 1945, the new novel "by" the speaker of the House of Representatives, Newt Gingrich, and his collaborator, a military historian and science-fiction writer named William R. Forstchen.

Possible, that is, but not bloody likely.

This is the testimony of one who spent the longest year of his life one day last week slogging through the - count 'em and weep - 382 pages of 1945.

The book's only virtue is that even at this stupendous length, it is mercifully shorter than the novels of Tom Clancy, whose infatuation with techno-babble Gingrich and Forstchen earnestly, if not desperately, seek to emulate. Otherwise it is torture from first to last, downright embarrassing in its clumsy prose, lurching plot and pervasive innocence.

This last is most startling. One would seem to be within the bounds of reason in assuming that the speaker of the House and a member of the professoriat - both of them doctors of philosophy - would be gentlemen of some worldliness, but this proves to be not so at all. Quite to the contrary, there is a gee-whizzical quality to 1945 more appropriate to a collaboration by college sophomores than to one by eminences such as these.

Endless breathless prattle accompanies the authors' divagations into techno-martial esoterica, as though they were schoolboys who had stumbled into the secret archives of *Popular Mechanics* and/or *Soldier of Fortune*.

Having been granted admission thereto, they tick off their interminable discoveries with pride and wonder that are, well, simply boyish.

THE PRESS has been rattling on about the basic plot of 1945 with a breathlessness to rival that of the authors themselves. It says more about the Washington press corps than any sane soul could bear to contemplate that more ink probably has been spilled



here in advance speculation about the Gingrichian plot and the sex scenes attendant thereto (psst: they've all been edited out) than has been devoted to welfare reform or affirmative action.

Never let it be said that we news hounds and news hens don't know what is the real news of the day.

Be that as it may, 1945 is set in a fictional year of the same date and is therefore, unlike its famous coauthor, not futurist but pastist, or, since it is about an imaginary past, perhaps pastist-futurist.

The Germans have won the European war and the Americans have triumphed in Asia. They have divided the world between them, with England and a

few other countries hanging in uneasy limbo.

Then an alert young officer, Lt. Cdr. James Mannheim Martel, head of naval intelligence at the American embassy in Berlin, gets word of German plans to subvert the Manhattan Project and launch an attack against "the main American facility for the manufacture of atomic bombs" at the rural Tennessee town of Oak Ridge, while at the same time launching an invasion of Britain.

Martel's job is to frustrate the scheme, but the job is far from finished, because the novel's closing words - are you ready for this? - are: "TO BE CONTINUED..."

Me. I'd rather spend a year in solitary confinement with nothing

to read except Danielle Steel than another nanosecond with the prose of Gingrich and Forstchen, but a second volume does seem to be in the works. After all, if it takes them 382 pages just to get through a few months in 1945, they may need 100 more volumes to hit 1995.

All of which raises the unanswerable question: Why? It's easy to see why Forstchen is hitching his star to Gingrich's comet, but why on earth is Gingrich spending his time writing, or dictating, or otherwise abetting in the production of, "fiction"? Don't speakers of the House of Representatives have other things to do with their time, like writing contracts and teaching video courses and touring New

Hampshire? How in the name of John Grisham has Gingrich found time to enrich the national literature, and why?

This being Washington, the first thought that springs to mind is that he has what we like to call, in hushed tones, "an agenda." Maybe so. There are a few allusions to Americans and their cherished firearms, and toward the end mighty resistance to the Nazis is raised by the legendary World War I folk hero Alvin York "and his militiamen"; there is a derogatory reference to "the East Coast Elite" and another to "all the paper generated by a government agency"; there is even adulatory mention of "a young American pilot, Lt. George Bush," which is roughly equivalent to a leading Democratic politician writing a poem in praise of Jimmy Carter.

The Bush business gets out of whack, actually, when toward the end Gen. George Marshall - yes, you read that right - decides that the country needs to figure out "how a modern democratic state should organize itself to make a surge-effort in war," which he calls "the new paradigm."

That one even embarrassed the Bushies who invented it, but it's just the kind of empty phrasemaking that the Newtster adores. So he sticks it in at the novel's climax, if "climax" is the word for it, with nary a hint of irony.

NO, THE political agenda of 1945 is almost as invisible as the literary agenda, which self-evidently is nonexistent. That leaves us with the financial agenda, to which during his brief time at the center of the media buzz Gingrich has paid considerable, if rather unseemly, attention.

1945 has a first printing of 150,000. Given that the American people are absolute saps for nonbooks by nonwriting celebrities, it can be expected to sell that many and perhaps a great deal more.

Tut-tut, you say? Think again. If it is true, as was once famously said, that no maiden was ever violated by a book, then by the same token no country was ever corrupted by one. Weighing the mischief that Gingrich seems capable of perpetrating in Washington against the harm he seems capable of doing to our national literature, there's only one thing to say: Write on!

(Washington Post)

If you can open a cabinet, you can handle installing the knob

FIX IT YOURSELF

TAL KATZ

DESIGNING or buying a cupboard is a piece of cake compared to deciding which knobs to install. Luckily, it's easy to get a handle on their installation.

The two basic types are single-screw knobs and double-screw handles. There is no distinction in Hebrew between them; both are called *yadivot*.

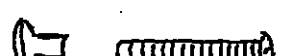
They range in price from about NIS 1 for the simplest plastic knob to over NIS 40. If knobs are not included in the price of a cabinet you buy or build, they can add a hefty sum to the cost. Kitchen cabinets with many doors and drawers, for example, might require more than 20 handles, which even at the relatively low price of NIS 5 each can add NIS 100 to the price you pay.

They can be purchased at hardware and housewares shops or departments. There is a huge variety of designs: they come in plastic, metal, glass and wood, and are solid-colored, multicolored or patterned.

MATERIALS REQUIRED

Knobs (*yadivot*) and an equal number of screws (*bragim*); or handles and twice the number of screws. When buying screws,

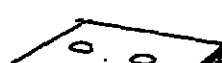
SIDEVIEW OF KNOB



SIDEVIEW OF HANDLE



TEMPLATE



STEP ONE:
TRACE ALONG
THREADS WITH
SCRATCH AWL
OR STEEL NAIL



STEP TWO:
MARK WITH CENTER
PUNCH OR
HAMMER AND NAIL



specify whether the knob or handle is for a cabinet door (*delet*) or drawer (*megira*), since drawer handles require screws about 2 centimeters longer.

Take measure (*metzer*); drill (*makdeha*) plus a 4-millimeter metal bit (*makde'ah barzel*); screwdriver (*mavreg*); awl (*mar-tze'a*) - or steel nail (*masmer plada*) and hammer (*patish*).

For handles, materials are same as above, with the following additions: scratch awl (*masret*)

and center punch (*madgesh*), either of which can be replaced by a steel nail and hammer; a thin piece of metal large enough to cover the length of the handle; a block of wood that covers a larger area than the handle; and a thin, sharp pencil.

DIRECTIONS

Knobs: Decide on the location of the knob. Measure carefully to ensure that the knob on each door or drawer is in a comparable

place. Make a mark with the awl, or hammer and nail, onto the door/drawer. Drill through the mark until the bit has gone through to the other side of the door or front of the drawer. Insert the appropriate screw through the hole from inside of door or drawer. Screw on the knob from the outside. Tighten by holding the knob with one hand, while driving the screw with a screwdriver. Repeat for each knob.

Handles: Make a template for accuracy. Take a thin piece of metal, preferably rectangular; one of the longer sides should be straight.

Take one of the handles and insert both of its screws a few twists. Lay the handle on its side so the screws are on the metal. With the scratch awl, trace the threads of the screws by scratching onto the metal.

Put aside the handle and remove its screws. The metal plate now has two pairs of jagged parallel lines imprinted on it. With a center punch (or hammer and steel nail), make a deep mark along one of the outermost jagged lines, and along the inner line of the other pair.

It is best to make these marks an equal distance from the straight edge of the metal plate. Place the metal plate on a block of wood to prevent damage to the surface on which you are

working. With the drill and 4-mm. metal bit, drill through each mark.

The metal plate with two holes is the template. Test it by attaching the handle to it (as if the plate were the door/drawer itself) and inserting both screws through it into the handle. If they fit, the template is ready. If not, repeat above steps on the same piece of metal if there is room, or on another piece.

Once you've determined the desired placement of the handles,

place it onto the front of each door and drawer. Trace one hole with a thin, sharp pencil onto the surface. Remove the template. Drill the first hole. Align the template with the hole you've just drilled. Insert a screw through the template into the hole. Drill the second hole directly through the second hole in the template.

If the cabinets are faced with a glossy plastic laminate, mark each hole with pencil and tap the mark with a hammer and nail, to prevent the drill bit from sliding.

Remove the screw and template, insert both screws from inside the door or drawer, and place the handle onto the threads of the screws. Hold the handle in place with one hand, and drive the screws into the handle with a screwdriver with the other. Repeat for each door and drawer.

If you have a question or can suggest simple solutions to annoying problems, write to: Fix It Yourself, POB 81, 91000 Jerusalem.

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BUSINESS & FINANCE

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Wages up 26% for public firm heads, while rate of return on capital falls

Chief executives of public companies earn average of NIS 621,000 annually

THE earnings of senior managers of public companies rose 26 percent last year, even though their rate of return on capital fell by 6%, according to Dr. Shmuel Hauser of the Securities Authority.

In a paper on the subject presented to the Knesset Finance Committee yesterday, Hauser said this sharp disparity seems to indicate that senior managers are more concerned with their own interests than those of shareholders.

The most commonly proposed solution to this problem is to tie managers' pay to the company's results.

However, Hauser said this is not a panacea, because it can lead managers to be overcautious.

The report noted that about half of all publicly traded compa-

nies had a negative rate of return on capital last year.

Nevertheless, 80% of all companies gave their senior managers a raise.

Chief executives of public companies earned an average of NIS 621,000 a year, including benefits, in 1994, the report said, with the average rising to NIS 800,000 in the 100 largest companies and falling to NIS 500,000 in small companies.

However, managers' salaries increased by more in small companies than in large ones, even though smaller companies on average suffered sharper drops in profits.

Increases were also much more moderate in companies that paid dividends, Hauser noted.

The granting of stock options to senior managers is also becoming

EVELYN GORDON

increasingly common here, Hauser said. On average, these options are worth about NIS 200,000 a year. They therefore constitute an addition of 33% to the CEO's salary.

Hauser found that the problem of soaring executive compensation is less severe in companies where one person owns more than 75% of the company, however. This is because in these cases the decision-makers' identification with the shareholders' interests is greater.

In theory, Hauser added, Israeli law requires full disclosure of the compensation given the five top executives in public companies.

However, he said, reporting standards are non-uniform and

sometimes unclear, making it difficult for shareholders to really know what is going on.

Therefore, he said, it is crucial to adopt reporting standards such as those in most Western nations.

The worst offenders on the high salary scale were insurance companies, which paid an average of NIS 953,659 to their chief executive and NIS 642,422 to the top five officers, and the commercial banks - which paid an average of NIS 783,066 to their No. 1 men and NIS 760,814 to the top five.

The lowest compensation was in oil exploration firms, which paid an average of NIS 282,473 to the chief executive and NIS 195,041 to the top five.

"We've gone from one extreme to the other [with regard to executive pay]," said Finance

Committee chairman Gedalya Gal (Labor) after the meeting. "But the Finance Committee should not intervene in setting salary levels."

What it should do, he said, is ensure that the public has efficient tools for supervising executive compensation.

He therefore asked Securities Authority chairman Arye Mintkevitch to see if the representatives of mutual and provident funds were participating in shareholders' meetings, as they are supposed to, and if not, to impose sanctions; to investigate whether the current method of appointing public directors leads to appropriate choices; and to find out whether the more than NIS 400 fee for participating in the banks' shareholders meetings discourages people from participating.

Balance of payments deficit to highlight cabinet's initial discussion of '96 budget

JOSE ROSENFELD

THE mushrooming balance of payments deficit will be the focus of the cabinet's opening session on the 1996 budget this Sunday, according to Treasury briefing books distributed yesterday to cabinet ministers.

Although in previous years, inflation and unemployment took the spotlight as the main problems the economy had to battle, the balance of payments gap, which the Treasury estimates will jump by nearly 40 percent this year to \$3.9 billion, will dominate the discussions.

The Treasury's main tools to deal with the problem will be fiscal restraint and reducing government investment incentives.

Treasury officials refused to elaborate whether they would propose an actual reduction in the size of the budget or just limit budget growth below the levels of economic expansion, as the government has done in recent years.

Given the tremendous demands on the budget - including the kibbutz debt arrangement, pension reform, defense industry recovery programs and the redeployment of the IDF - a smaller budget is unlikely.

According to the Treasury document, the government already took steps this year to fight the growing balance of payments gap. It improved the business sector's profitability by cutting in March 2% of the health tax employers paid on behalf of their workers.

In addition, the government reduced spending by NIS 2b., freeing up those resources to the private sector.

Another factor that should help reverse the sharp drop in private savings was the rise this year of long-term real interest rates from 3% to 4%.

The Treasury estimates that private consumption will continue growing significantly this year by 6.7%, albeit more moderately than last year's 8.8%.

Private consumption, which peaked last year, is expected to gradually drop to similar growth levels than the overall economy. The Treasury attributes the large rise in consumption to the recent jump in the number of new households.

Government consumption, which grew by 3.9% last year and is expected to rise 3.4% this year, reflects the higher public sector wages.

The Treasury estimates that public consumption will increase a more moderate 2.6% next year. Investments, which have risen much faster than the overall economy, will increase 10.1% this year.

Based on the large accumulation of investment, the Treasury estimates that even without any investments in the coming years, prior year investments could keep carrying economic growth forward at the present rate for several years.

Using this argument, the Treasury will ask the cabinet to consider cuts in government assistance through the Capital Investment Encouragement Law.

The Treasury expects that next year's Gross Domestic Product will grow 4.7%, slightly less than this year's estimated 4.9% rise.

The trade imbalance will peak at \$11.8b. next year, according to the Treasury. Although the rapid expansion of the trade deficit and the balance of payment gap is dangerous if not addressed, the Treasury indicates that the country's net foreign debt is still at a manageable 21.5% of GDP.

One of the Treasury's goals for next year is to continue with structural economic reforms that will enable the country to be more competitive in the global economy.

Out of 53 proposed reforms that were adopted by the government in the past two years, only eight were fully implemented, while 11 were not carried out. The remaining 34 are in various stages of implementation.

Indyk blasts Israel for favoring European imports over US ones

Rabin announces reduction in American car import fees

RACHEL NEIMAN

US AMBASSADOR Martin Indyk yesterday criticized Israel for favoring European imports over those of the US and "putting the US in the absurd and untenable situation [of] subsidizing [Israel's] trade deficit with Europe."

Indyk made the comments at an Israel-America Chamber of Commerce luncheon, where he received the title of honorary chairman.

The US-Israel balance of trade last year was \$9.5 billion, of which \$5.25b. was Israeli exports to the US and \$4.25b. was US imports to Israel.

"While Israel runs up a \$7.5b. trade deficit with Europe, she enjoys a nearly \$1b. trade surplus 'at the expense of her strongest ally and friend, the United States,'" Indyk said. "I find this situation difficult to comprehend."

Indyk credited Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin with realizing the

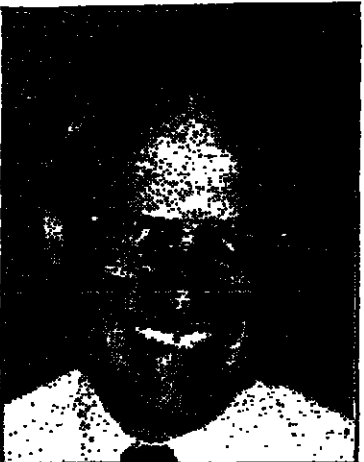
need for "the playing field to be leveled."

One positive move, Indyk said, was Rabin's "Independence Day gift" to the US - an announcement that regulations which harm American car sales here will be lifted on January 1. Car value, and not engine size, will form the basis for income tax valuation and registration fees.

Indyk said additional action is needed in many other areas where European goods receive preferential treatment, such as Israel's insistence on metric packaging - which forces US manufacturers to ship via Europe, thus raising prices.

Another sensitive area is protected agricultural trade. In September, Israel will implement its commitments to GATT by removing all quotas and fees associated with agricultural imports.

In addition, the US-Israel Free



Indyk: It's an absurd and untenable situation for the US to subsidize Israel's trade deficit with Europe.

Trade Agreement requires Israel to eliminate all tariffs on agricultural produce.

A refusal by Israel to follow through on these commitments is "simply untenable," Indyk said.

Price of flour to rise 11.6%

THE Industry and Trade Ministry yesterday gave in to the threats of the flour mills and agreed to raise the price of flour by 11.6 percent.

The mills threatened to stop selling flour if the government refused to raise its price.

The ministry initially warned the mills that it would retaliate by liberalizing flour imports. However, after meeting with the mill owners, it agreed that wheat prices had risen enough in recent months - 27% - to justify a rise in flour prices.

Jose Rosenfeld

Bank Hapoalim's provident funds achieve average real positive yield of 0.6% in June

GALIT LIPKIS BECK

BANK Hapoalim's provident funds averaged nominal yields of 1.5-1.7 percent in June, reflecting a real positive yield of 0.6%, the bank said yesterday.

Hapoalim said June was the fourth consecutive month in which its funds registered positive real returns.

Since the start of the year the funds have accumulated positive yields of 0.3%-0.8%.

Gadish, the largest fund in the country, registered a real return of 0.58% in the reported period.

The funds' assets are estimated at about NIS 12.75 billion. Gadish achieved an accumulated real yield of 0.28% for the first six months of the year.

The Tagmolim fund, with total assets of about NIS 2.79b., reported a real yield of 0.96% in June and a yield of 0.96% since the start of the year.

The bank's Keren Of fund, with assets of about NIS 1.7b., achieved a yield of 0.6% in June

and an accumulated yield of 0.36%.

Hapoalim's smaller funds also achieved positive real yields last month. Katzir registered a return of 0.6%, Kinneret 0.54% and Teutza 1.86%.

Standing out was Ahuma (foreign currency), with a negative real yield of 0.43% in June and an accumulated positive yield of 0.39% since the start of the year. Ahuma has total assets of NIS 110 million.

The other commercial banks are expected to announce the returns of their mutual funds during the next few days.

In other news, Meitav mutual fund consultancy firm announced that the funds' total assets increased to NIS 16.55b. at the end of June from NIS 16.37b. at the end of May. In total fund redemptions, which were mainly from the more conservative funds.

Aloni wants to cut inter-city phone rates; Bezeq hands over last '94 dividend payment

JUDY SIEGEL

COMMUNICATIONS Minister Shulamit Aloni wants to cut Bezeq's inter-city phone rates, though government approval is required to do so.

"There is no reason why a call between Jerusalem and Haifa, or even Tel Aviv, should cost more than a call from New York to Los Angeles," she said.

Aloni was speaking at a ceremony yesterday in which a check for

NIS 105 million was presented to Finance Minister Avraham Shohat by Bezeq officials.

The sum comprised the company's last dividend payment for 1994 to the Treasury.

Bezeq gave the government a total of NIS 1.5 billion in dividends, royalties and interest for 1994. Shohat noted that Bezeq has man-

aged to maintain its profitability despite efficiency measures and its exposure to competition.

Bezeq director-general Yitzhak Kaul said the hefty size of the dividend proves 1994 was a good year for the company.

Aloni praised Bezeq for its speedy efforts to supply alternate telecommunications services to residents of the Jerusalem Corridor struck by fire earlier this week.

Jerusalem District Electricity Co. Ltd.

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Bids should be submitted not later than 12 noon on August 10, 1995.

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BUSINESS BRIEFS

Pharmos signs agreement with Bausch & Lomb: Pharmos Corporation has signed a definitive agreement with US-based Bausch & Lomb Pharmaceuticals to market ocular anti-inflammatory, anti-allergy agent Lotemax in the US. Under the agreement, Bausch & Lomb will purchase the active ingredient in Lotemax from Pharmos and provide it with up to \$4 million in cash advances over the next 10 months. An additional \$2m. is subject to certain development milestones in Lotemax line-extension products.

Also covered by the deal are line-extension products being developed by Pharmos. Bausch & Lomb will also collaborate in the development of additional products by contributing up to 50% of Phase III clinical trial costs.

Rachel Neiman

Israel Cable & Wire to establish plant with German firm: Israel Cable & Wire, controlled by the Ofer brothers, has entered a partnership with the German F & G firm to set up a high voltage cables factory at an investment of \$25 million.

According to the agreement, signed Tuesday, the two firms will have an equal partnership in the factory - which will employ 200 people and be situated in Tzippori. Cvalim said the factory will manufacture high voltage cables different to those currently available here. The cables will be manufactured using F & G's know how.

Galit Lipkis Beck

Hapoalim predicts 0.6% increase in CPI: The Consumer Price Index is expected to rise 0.6 percent in June, according to Bank Hapoalim's economic division's monthly survey of the market.

The economists said the CPI has increased 2.2% since the beginning of the year, while the basic inflation rate (the CPI less seasonal factors and cost of housing) has gone up 4.1%. In the same period last year, the CPI rose 5.6%, while the basic inflation rate went up 3.2%. Hapoalim said this year's drop in the CPI reflects a decrease in fruit and vegetable prices and a standstill in the cost of housing.

Galit Lipkis Beck

Edusoft, the educational software house, has signed \$750,000 in marketing agreements with French, Spanish and Korean distributors for sale of the company's multimedia product English Discoveries.

Rachel Neiman

Izocam considers building plant here: Turkish insulation manufacturer Izocam, one of the largest exporters of fiberglass insulation to Israel, is examining the possible opening of a plant here. The factory would be set up on either a partnership or franchise basis.

Rachel Neiman

Ministry receives extension for exporting meat to EC: The Agriculture Ministry has received a six-month extension for exporting meat to the European Community. Chief Veterinarian Arnon Shimshoni said he hopes the temporary approval will be made permanent soon. Shimshoni said the EC delegation that visited the country last week was impressed with the veterinarian system here. Israel's annual meat exports are about \$100 million.

Galit Lipkis Beck

Hypercol, the superstore chain of Super-Sol, opened its 20th branch yesterday in Jerusalem's Givat Shani neighborhood. The store, which covers 2,500 square meters, represents a \$2 million investment. It is the second Hypercol branch to have an in-house pharmacy, called Hyper-Pharm.

Martina Meisel

'Treasury preventing Rafael from extending agreement': The Treasury is preventing Rafael's management from negotiating a work agreement that might solve some of the company's problems, Yitzhak Gatt, managing director of Rafael, told the Knesset State Control Committee yesterday.

Gatt said management has reached a satisfactory agreement with the one-third of the workers who are not civil servants, but the Treasury will not let it negotiate on extending it to the other employees.

Evelyn Gordon

ISRAELI MONEY MARKETS

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Currency (deposit for)	3 MONTHS	6 MONTHS	12 MONTHS
U.S. dollar (\$250,000)	5.125	5.000	5.125
Pound sterling (£100,000)	4.875	5.125	5.500
German mark (DM 200,000)	3.125	3.125	3.500
Swiss franc (SF 200,000)	1.875	2.000	2.375
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Pound sterling	2.115	2.141	2.07	2.126
French franc	4.023	4.075	4.08	4.070
Japanese yen (100)	0.804	0.812	0.79	0.807
Dutch guilder	3.442	3.502	3.38	3.471
Swiss franc	1.872	1.914	1.85	1.904
Spanish peseta	2.547	2.587	2.50	2.558
Norwegian krona	0.404	0.411	0.39	0.407
Denish krone	0.474	0.482	0.46	0.472
Portuguese escudo	0.541	0.550	0.53	0.543
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Canadian dollar	0.604	0.610	0.59	0.602
Australian dollar	2.075	2.100	2.03	2.071
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Belgian franc (10)	3.008	3.054	2.95	3.010
Austrian schilling (10)	1.507	1.508	1.47	1.480
Italian lire (100)	1.507	1.508	1.47	1.480
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Magic ponders return

LAHAINA, Hawaii (AP) — The Los Angeles Lakers want Magic Johnson back, and Johnson may be interested.

"The Lakers have asked me to return," he said in Tuesday's edition of *The Honolulu Advertiser*. "We're talking about it, so we have to see what happens. It's nothing that's definite yet."

Johnson has previously hinted he may want to rejoin the NBA, but this is believed to be the first time the Lakers have publicly said they are considering such a move.

The Los Angeles Lakers great, now part-owner of the NBA team, twice retired since announcing in 1992 he has the AIDS virus.

Johnson ended a comeback bid after some players said they were worried about possibly contracting the virus should he spill blood while on the court.

Johnson, who turns 36 next month, was in Maui for his annual fantasy camp, along with Lakers general manager Jerry West.

West, who also spoke with the *Honolulu Star-Bulletin* of the possible return, said times and attitudes about AIDS have changed since Johnson last attempted a comeback.

"I think the decision he made four years ago to retire was a decision I think he regretted," West said. "Now there's so much more information about health concerns that I think it's easier for him to make a decision today."

The Lakers will hold their training camp in Hawaii this fall, if the lockout ends.

Until then, the Lakers would be barred from signing Johnson to a player contract. Johnson, if he decides to play, would have to give up his ownership rights to the team.

Johnson played from 1979 to



THE COMEBACK KIDS — Michael Jordan (l) returned to the Chicago Bulls, and Magic Johnson contemplates a similar move with the Los Angeles Lakers.

1992, leading the Lakers to five NBA titles and winning three MVP awards. He starred on the Dream Team that won the gold medal at the 1992 Barcelona Olympics.

Since then he briefly coached the Lakers at the end of the 1994 season and toured the world with his own team. He has expressed an interest in playing at the 1996 Atlanta Olympics.

WIMBLEDON (AP) — Andre Agassi led a historic march of the top four seeds into the Wimbledon semifinals yesterday.

Agassi was joined in the final four by two-time defending champion and No. 2 seed Pete Sampras, No. 3 Boris Becker and No. 4 Goran Ivanisevic.

It marks the first time since seeding began in 1927 that the top four men's and women's seeds have reached the semifinals at Wimbledon.

The women's semifinalists are top-seeded Steffi Graf, No. 2 Arantxa Sanchez Vicario, No. 3 Conchita Martinez and No. 4 Jana Novotna.

Agassi, ripping returns and passing shots with devastating pace and accuracy, beat Dutch doubles specialist Jacco Eltingh, 6-2, 6-3, 6-4, in a match that took just 1 hour, 41 minutes.

Sampras had a tougher time, losing the first set before rallying to beat Shuzo Matsuoka of Japan 6-7(5), 6-3, 6-4, 6-2.

Ivanisevic, a two-time Wimbledon finalist, served 33 aces — and smashed one racket — in a 7-5, 7-6(13-11), 6-3 win over No. 6 Yevgeny Kafelnikov.

But none of those victories matched the drama of Becker's five-set thriller over Cedric Pioline of France. In one of the most compelling Wimbledon matches in years, the three-time Wimbledon champion overcame a stirring comeback before prevailing 6-3, 6-1, 6-7(8-6), 6-7(12-10), 9-7, in 4 hours, 11 minutes.

Becker appeared headed for an easy victory after winning the first two sets. But Pioline, who was treated for a side strain during the second set, staged a remarkable comeback.

With both men playing inspired tennis, Pioline saved four match points — one in the fourth-set tiebreaker, another with Becker leading 5-4 in the fifth set, and two more in the final game, before he hit a backhand long to end the contest.

Agassi, showing the same form that took him to the 1992 title, was stunning from the baseline. He had 40 backcourt winners — 20 off the forehand and 20 off the backhand — and hit 21 passing shots and 13 return winners.

It was Agassi's 23rd win in his last 24 Grand Slam matches — with his only defeat coming to Kafelnikov in the quarter-finals of the French Open.

Sampras looked in trouble after losing the first set against the 108th-ranked Matsuoka who is the first Japanese man to have reached the Wimbledon quarter-

finals since 1933.

Sampras was down 0-40 at 3-3 in the second set but came up with four big serves to get out of trouble. The match turned when Sampras broke for a 5-3 lead. He served out the set, winning 12 out of 13 points.

Sampras had only five aces, while Matsuoka hit 21.

Sampras has now won 19 straight matches at Wimbledon and is only two more victories away from becoming the first man since Bjorn Borg to win the title three years in a row. Borg won five straight from 1976-1980.

In today's women's semifinals, Graf plays Novotna and defending champion Martinez faces Sanchez Vicario in an all-Spanish match.

In Friday's men's semifinals, it's Agassi and Becker and Sampras against Ivanisevic.

Italian wins 4th stage after dramatic fall

LE HAVRE (Reuters) — Tour de France leader Laurent Jalabert fell dramatically just two kilometers from the end of the fourth stage yesterday to let in an Italian takeover.

Sprint ace Mario Cipollini seized immediate advantage by racing to his second stage win in three days and fellow Italian Ivan Gotti took over the race lead, becoming one of the most unlikely riders ever to don the coveted yellow jersey.

Frenchman Jalabert's fall sent shock waves through a race which seemed to be heading for a typical mass sprint finish as the riders swept along the Le Havre seashore.

Belgian Sammie Moreels was leading the peloton just over 2km from the end when he took a tight curve too fast, lost control and fell into the crash barriers.

A group just behind him, including Jalabert, first stage winner Fabio Baldato of Italy, Uzbek Djamolidine Abdoujaparov and Belgian sprinter Wilfried Nelissen, were brought down, too.

Though the Frenchman was able to get back on his bike and finish, he had lost contact with the group, coming in 50 seconds later.

Cipollini, the Tour's Super-Mario, staged one of his pulsating finishes to beat off German Erik Zabel and France's Frederic Moncassino to the line, collecting a stage win to add to his Monday win.

Yankees rookie fans 11 Chisox

CHICAGO (AP) — Mariano Rivera, recalled earlier in the day from the minors, gave up two hits in eight shutout innings and struck out 11 Tuesday as New York beat Chicago 4-1.

Frank Thomas singled in the first and sixth innings for the only hits allowed by Rivera (2-2), who was making his fifth major league start.

Paul O'Neill hit his 10th homer and Bernie Williams hit a pair of triples for New York.

Twins 6, Orioles 3
Scott Erickson allowed three hits in eight innings and Pedro Munoz homered and had three RBIs as visiting Minnesota beat Baltimore.

Cal Ripken scored twice and became Baltimore's career leader in runs with 1,233, one more than Brooks Robinson.

Angels 14, Blue Jays 0
JT Snow drove in four runs as California romped to a home win.

Damion Easley and Gary DiSarcina each drove in three runs. The Angels had 15 hits in sending Toronto to its fourth straight loss.

Red Sox 6, Royals 5
Jose Canseco's three-run homer climaxed a five-run eighth inning, leading Boston to a road victory.

Lee Tinsley had three hits and stole two bases. Boston's Tim Wakefield (6-1) gave up eight hits and struck out four in eight-plus innings.

Athletics 5, Brewers 3
Mark McGwire hit his 23rd homer and Terry Steinbach hit a three-run homer in the bottom of the eighth for Oakland.

With the A's trailing 3-2, Rickey Henderson led off the eighth with a walk and McGwire was hit by a pitch two outs later. Steinbach followed with his ninth homer, a drive off Mike Igarashi (2-1).

TUESDAY'S NL RESULTS:
Montreal 5, St. Louis 0
Pittsburgh 7, Philadelphia 0
Florida 6, San Diego 4
Atlanta 3, Los Angeles 2
Chicago 3, New York 0
Cincinnati 10, San Francisco 6
Houston 16, Colorado 8

TUESDAY'S AL RESULTS:
Texas 7, Cleveland 6
New York 4, Chicago 1
Oakland 5, Milwaukee 3
Minnesota 6, Baltimore 3
Detroit 9, Seattle 5
Boston 6, Kansas City 5
California 14, Toronto 0

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Expos 5, Cardinals 0

Pedro Martinez pitched a four-hitter for his second career shutout, leading Montreal to a road win.

Martinez (6-4) had been 1-3 since pitching nine perfect innings against San Diego on June 3. He struck out seven and walked one.

Pirates 7, Phillies 0
John Eriks (1-1) picked up his first major league victory as visiting Philadelphia lost its fourth straight.

Pittsburgh had 15 hits. Eriks, making only his third start, scattered four hits over seven innings.

Cubs 3, Mets 0
Kevin Foster pitched eight shutout innings, tying his career-high with nine strikeouts and scattering six hits for visiting Chicago.

Brian McRae scored all three runs. McRae homered on the second pitch of the game, his sixth of the year, and added a triple and a double.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Philadelphia	38	26	.594	—
Atlanta	37	27	.576	1.0
Montreal	32	32	.500	4.5
Florida	23	38	.377	14
New York	22	41	.348	15.5

Central Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Chicago	41	23	.641	—
Houston	39	25	.609	2.0
St. Louis	33	31	.516	7.5
San Diego	28	35	.443	13.0
Los Angeles	22	41	.348	19.0

West Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Colorado	34	30	.531	—
Los Angeles	33	31	.516	1.0
San Francisco	32	32	.500	2.0
San Diego	31	32	.492	2.5

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Boston	41	23	.641	—
Detroit	37	27	.576	4.0
New York	33	31	.516	7.0
Baltimore	29	34	.460	8.0
Toronto	28	35	.443	9.0

Central Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Cleveland	43	19	.694	—
Kansas City	31	29	.517	11
Minnesota	28	34	.449	13.5
Chicago	27	34	.443	14.5
Minnesota	18	44	.292	24.5

West Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
California	37	27	.576	—
Texas	36	28	.563	1.0
Oakland	32	31	.508	4.0
Seattle	32	31	.508	4.0

Lara returns to 'scene of the crime' for third Test

BIRMINGHAM (AP) — West Indies' run machine Brian Lara returns to the scene of his world record 501 not out determined to recover at least 20 percent of that form in the third Test against England starting at Edgbaston today.

With the series at 1-1 and the West Indies in disarray after an innings and 121-run thrashing by county team Sussex this week and with paceman Winston Benjamin sent home for disciplinary reasons, the West Indies desperately need Lara to lead them out of the doldrums.

On the other hand, England is brim-full of confidence after its 72-run win at Lord's in the second Test and believes the West Indies' 25-year dominance is close to an end.

While playing for county team Warwickshire last year, Lara scored five centuries at Edgbaston, including the world's highest first class score of 501 not out and finished off the season there with a 191.

"This is the ground where I've scored most first class hundreds and it is vital for the team I get a couple in this Test," Lara said.

"Playing for the West Indies in Tests always gives me a buzz but Edgbaston is special for me and I dearly want to do well."

Lara has come under criticism on tour for some irresponsible batting with several quickfire half centuries littered with boundaries, but no centuries or long occupations of the crease.

"It's been very frustrating getting to 50 but not going on," he said. "I've now decided to do a few different things if I get to 50 again in an effort to make sure I do not give it away."

"We are looking forward during the next week to getting our team spirit back and hopefully we can win convincingly. We know we have not been playing properly recently but the West Indies have never lacked commitment in Test matches. We must forget the Sussex game."

England vice-captain Alec Stewart passed a fitness test yesterday on his right index finger which was struck by a ball last weekend. It was the same finger he broke twice in Australia last winter, and there were fears he would miss the Test.

Restored to his role as wicket-keeper-batsman, his all-round ability is vital to England's team structure.

Australian-born Jason Gallian will be Stewart's standby as an opener if the team has had a long session in the field, but otherwise, he will most likely bat at No. 6.

Gallian makes his Test debut as the third product of the Australian Cricket Academy to be selected for England, following Martin McCague and Craig White.

Also making his debut for England is Gallian's Lancashire captain Mike Watkinson who will probably battle it out with Peter Martin for the last place in the eleven.

ENGLAND — Mike Atherton (capt), Alec Stewart, Graeme Hick, Graham Thorpe, Robin Smith, Jason Gallian, Dominic Cork, Darren Gough, Peter Martin, Richard Illingworth, Angus Fraser, Mike Watkinson.

WEST INDIES — Carl Hooper, Sherwin Campbell, Brian Lara, Jimmy Adams, Richie Richardson (capt), Keith Arthurton, Junior Murray, Ian Bishop, Curtly Ambrose, Kenny Benjamin, Courtney Walsh.

Ferguson raps Ince for departure plot

LONDON (Reuters) — Manchester United manager Alex Ferguson has launched a verbal attack on Paul Ince, claiming the England midfielder plotted his move from Old Trafford.

Ferguson has come under fire from fans for allowing Ince to move to Inter Milan last month in a £8m deal.

Several newspaper stories surfaced during Ince's prolonged negotiations with the Italian club claiming to suggest that the player was being forced out of Old Trafford.

But, in reports published in yesterday's British press, Ferguson defended his decision to let Ince go.

Meanwhile yesterday, Aston Villa manager Brian Little took his summer spending to £9.25 million when he signed Leicester midfielder Mark Draper in a £3.25m deal.

A year ago when he was manager of Leicester, Little signed the 24-year-old England Under-

21 international from Notts County and has been keen to acquire his services since he left Leicester for Villa in December.

Little had already spent £6m strengthening his squad this summer with Gareth Southgate joining for £2.5m from Crystal Palace and Savo Milosevic arriving for £3.5m from Partizan Belgrade.

In other moves, it has been confirmed that French international striker David Ginola agreed to join Newcastle from Paris St Germain in a deal worth £2.5 million.

Ginola's proposed move has been a drawn-out affair after Newcastle manager Kevin Keegan was originally put off by the player's massive wage demands, which he has apparently since reviewed.

In another deal, Leeds United have sold 31-year-old defender Chris Fairclough, who helped them win the league title in 1992, to promoted Bolton Wanderers for £500,000.

Kluge tops list of sports billionaires

NEW YORK (AP) — John Kluge, one of the investors in the proposed Major League Soccer, at \$5.9 billion was the wealthiest person in sports, according to a list in the July 17 issue of *Forbes* magazine.

Among sports figures, Portland Trail Blazers owner Paul Allen is second at \$5.3b, followed by the Mellon family, which owns thoroughbred horses, at \$5b.

Orlando Magic owner Richard DeVos is listed at \$4.13b, and Gianni Agnelli, who owns Italian League soccer champion Juventus of Turin, is at \$3.3b. Silvio Berlusconi, the former Italian premier who owns the soccer team AC Milan, is at \$2.5b, as was the McCaw family, which holds an interest in the Seattle Mariners.

The Gund family, which owns the Cleveland Cavaliers, was at \$2.07b. The Phipps family of thoroughbred racing is at \$2b, and the Crown family, which owns a minority interest in the New York Yankees, is at \$1.98b.

Ted Turner, chief executive officer of Turner Broadcasting System, owner of the Atlanta Braves and Hawks, is at \$1.72b.

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CRITIC'S CHOICE



Lloyd Newson performs 'Dead Dreams of Monochrome Men' on the Discovery Channel.

CLASSICAL MUSIC

MICHAEL AJZENSTADT

THE chamber orchestra of the Army's education division performs at noon tomorrow at the Jerusalem Music Center under the baton of Menahem Neuberhaus.

The major work on the program is Oded Zehavi's evocative *Erelin*, with soloist Roni Gal-Ed, one of the finest oboe players in the country. At 9:30 Saturday at the Tel Aviv Municipal Plaza, Zubin Mehta leads the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra in a free outdoor concert of symphonic and operatic favorites, including Rimsky-Korsakov's *Capriccio espagnol* and the ever-popular 1812 *Overture* by Tchaikovsky.

Soprano Elizabeth Futral, mezzo Barbara Dever and baritone Lucio Gallo join the orchestra to sing selections from *Lakmé*, *La Traviata*, *Samson et Dalila*, *Don Carlos*, *Carmen* and *Le nozze di Figaro*.

At 9 p.m. Saturday at the Tel Aviv Museum, viola da gamba player Myrta Herzog commemorates 25 years of playing the instrument by performing selections by Marais, Bach and Forqueray, accompanied by David Shemer on harpsichord.

The program is repeated 11 a.m. July 15 at the Targ Center in Ein Kerem, Jerusalem.

TELEVISION

MICHAEL AJZENSTADT

DV8 IS a provocative, energetic and controversial dance/physical theater ensemble from Britain which will visit Israel this month. As a teaser, the Discovery Channel is broadcasting their black-and-white video, *Dead Dreams of Monochrome Men*, based on the life story of a homosexual serial killer. Created by Lloyd Newson, who also performs in it, this is a piece full of sexuality, repressed tensions and emotions. Claustrophobic anxiety is brought side by side with beauty, lyricism, tenderness and love. Performed by four men, the final tableau, in which death looms, is mesmerizing in its power. At 10 tonight and 6 tomorrow on Channel 8.

ENGLISH THEATER

HELEN KAYE

VILE villains, hapless heroines, weeping widows, rude rustics, shady ladies and more. All strutt their stuff in *Dirty Work at the Crossroads*, directed by Helen Eleasari. The Tel Aviv Community Theater presents the first Israeli production of Bill Johnson's successful off-Broadway spoof. At Yad Labanin tonight at 8:30. Saturday at 9.

TELEVISION

CHANNEL 1

6:30 News 6:45 Cartoons 7:00 Good Morning Israel

EDUCATIONAL TV

8:00 Cartoons 9:00 Ototo 10:00 Huckleberry Finn 10:30 Canadian drama series 11:00 Summer studio 12:00 Kity Kat and Humpty 13:15 Cartoons 14:00 Ototo (rpt) 15:00 The Astronaut Princess

CHANNEL 1

15:30 Biker Mice 16:00 Heartbreak High 17:00 A New Evening 17:40 The Miraculous Mellops 18:15 News in English

ARABIC PROGRAMS
18:30 Encounter 19:00 News in Arabic

HEBREW PROGRAMS
19:30 Nine Squared - game show 20:00 Mabab 21:00 Trump card - magic tricks 21:30 Culture magazine 22:15 Personal Interest 22:40 Northern Exposure 23:30 News magazine

CHANNEL 2

10:00 Yosef the Storyteller 10:30 Thornbirds 11:00 Duck Tales 11:30 Tale Spin 12:00 2.5 Dads - Disney film (45 mins) 13:00 Planus 13:05 Gavilan - adventure 14:00 Under African Skies - adventure 14:30 Tick Tack 15:00 Robocop - series 16:00 The Bold and the Beautiful 17:00 Resher at Five 17:30 Planus 18:00 Chic - fashion magazine 18:30 Home Improvement 19:00 World Travel: Mongolia 19:30 Lucky Guy 20:00 News 20:30 America's Funniest People 20:45 The Price is Right - local game show 21:20 Footloose 21:50 Blind Date (1987) - Comedy starring Bruce Willis and Kim Basinger (83 mins) 00:00 News 00:05 Ticket for 2 - Culture magazine 00:35 Love Hurts

JORDAN TV

13:30 Iris the Happy Professor - cartoon 14:00 Fireman Sam - cartoon 14:30 The 12 Apostles - new quiz show 16:00 Witness Video 16:30 French programs 19:35 National Geographic 20:30 The Album Show - music 21:15 Murder She Wrote - police drama 22:00 News in English 22:25 Murder of Innocence - based on the true story of a young woman, whose descent into insanity brings danger to all those around her. Starring Valerie Bernelli 00:00 The Cracker

MIDDLE EAST TV

14:00 The 700 Club 14:55 The Well (1991) The disappearance of a little girl ignites violence in a small town, but the rescue effort reunites the people. Starring Harry Morgan and Christine Larson (85 mins) 16:00 Moomins 16:55 Heathcliff 17:20 Inspector Gad-

get 17:45 Flying House 18:10 Hawaii Five-O 19:10 Magnum P.I. 20:00 World News Tonight: Arabic 20:30 CNN Headline News 21:00 The Mansion 21:30 Jaka and the Fatman 22:20 Law and Order 23:10 The 700 Club

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CABLE

FAMILY CHANNEL (3)

8:00 Roxanne 9:00 One Life to Live 9:45 The Young and the Restless 10:30 Guests on the Live Room 11:00 All in the Family 11:35 Celeste 12:25 Neighbors 12:50 Perry Mason 13:45 Major Dad 14:15 St Elsewhere 15:05 Roxanne 15:55 Knots Landing 16:45 Neighbors 17:10 Antonia 18:00 One Life to Live 18:45 The Young and the Restless 19:30 Local Broadcast 20:00 Celeste Special 20:50 Entertainment Tonight 21:10 Yatzpan Goes Too Far 21:30 Movie: Body of Evidence (1993) - erotic thriller starring Madonna as a young gallery owner accused of murdering her elderly husband with too much rough sex. She also has lots of sex with her lawyer, William Defoe. Not a great film but much parodied, especially the scene with the hot woman 22:20 Valley of the Dolls 23:50 ENG 00:40 Law and Order 1:30 Renegade 2:15 The Oldest Rookie 3:05 Quantum Leap 3:55 Birdsong

MOVIE CHANNEL (4)
10:30 Aladdin's Lamp - Arabic movie 11:55 The Detective (1988) (rpt) 13:50 Victims for Victims (1989) (rpt) 15:25 Vio La Vie (1984) (rpt) 17:15 The Bounty (1984) (rpt) 19:25 Heavenly Kid (1985) (rpt) 21:00 Ioeman (1984) - Sci-fi drama about a group of researchers who discover a frozen Neanderthal man at the South Pole. Starring Timothy Hutton. 22:40 372 le matin (1986) - French drama about the tragic love story between a shy author and a sensual woman. (118 mins) 00:00 Primal Rage (1988) - documentary about tours of the American university where a lab monkey escapes, bites a student and infects the whole campus with a deadly virus. 2:10 Buying Time (1988) (rpt) 3:45 Lighthouse (1981) (rpt) 5:30 Get Back (1981) - documentary about tours of the Beatles (85 mins)

CHILDREN (6)
6:30 Cartoons 8:35 Felix the Cat 8:00 Professor Iris 9:35 Alice in Wonderland 10:05 Power Rangers 10:30 James Bond Junior 11:00 Family Matters 11:30 Looney Tunes 12:00 Hard Times 12:30 The Simpsons 13:00 The Simpsons 13:25 Hugo 14:00 Cartoons 14:35 Felix the Cat 15:00 Professor Iris 15:35 Power Rangers 16:00 James Bond Junior 16:30 Family Matters 17:00 Looney Tunes 17:30 Hard Times 18:00 The Simpsons 18:30 The Simpsons 19:00 The Simpsons 19:25 Hugo 19:50 The Simpsons 20:25 Hugo 20:50 The Simpsons 21:25 Hugo 21:50 The Simpsons 22:25 Hugo 22:50 The Simpsons 23:25 Hugo 23:50 The Simpsons 00:25 Hugo 00:50 The Simpsons 01:25 Hugo 01:50 The Simpsons 02:25 Hugo 02:50 The Simpsons 03:25 Hugo 03:50 The Simpsons 04:25 Hugo 04:50 The Simpsons 05:25 Hugo 05:50 The Simpsons 06:25 Hugo 06:50 The Simpsons 07:25 Hugo 07:50 The Simpsons 08:25 Hugo 08:50 The Simpsons 09:25 Hugo 09:50 The Simpsons 10:25 Hugo 10:50 The Simpsons 11:25 Hugo 11:50 The Simpsons 12:25 Hugo 12:50 The Simpsons 13:25 Hugo 13:50 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Burg leaves House with call to improve Jewish education

EVELYN GORDON

JEWISH Agency Chairman Avraham Burg yesterday stepped down from the Knesset with a plea to the government for improved Jewish education.

Burg was replaced by MK Hana Hadad, a Christian Arab, who, through unfortunate timing, was sworn in during the middle of a stormy debate on the planned redeployment in the territories.

Burg's departure speech, however, took place early in the day, in an atmosphere of good will, as MKs from both sides of the house converged on him to shake his hand and wish him well.

"We are moving, almost imperceptibly, from dealing... with the physical distress of the Jewish people to dealing with the spiritual distress of the Jewish people," Burg told the plenum, noting that the worldwide intermarriage rate is 52%. "Individual Jews have never had it as good as they do today. But never, it seems to me, has there been as great a danger to the Jewish collective."

"Therefore, I call upon the Knesset, I call upon the government of Israel, to put Jewish education at the center of our activities - both within Israeli society and in our relations with the Diaspora,"

he added. "I call on the Knesset, I call on the state of Israel, I call on the government of Israel, to give back to the Jewish people in the coming century what the Jewish people gave to the state of Israel in the current century."

Burg praised the peace process extravagantly, both in his speech to the plenum and at an earlier meeting with the Labor faction.

"I have one regret [about leaving the Knesset now]: That I won't be able to vote for a peace agreement with Syria," he told the faction, adding a "personal plea" to Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin to arrange an agreement for him to regret not voting for.

"We'll make a great effort to make peace with Syria, in order to make you sorry," Rabin joked back. During his plenum speech, however, Burg pleaded with the government not to allow its quest for peace to make it insensitive to those who oppose the process.

"I hope and pray that this government will be sensitive enough not to wound those individuals who will pay the price of the change," he said.

Rabin, at the faction meeting, praised the importance of the job Burg is taking on.



Jewish Agency Chairman Avraham Burg (left) announces his resignation from the Knesset yesterday. His replacement, Hana Hadad (inset), is a Christian Arab, who was born in the upper Galilee in 1920. He was a career police officer, serving first in the mandatory police and later in the Israel Police. He rose to head the Haifa police investigations unit, and was the first non-Jewish policeman to achieve the ranks of superintendent (in 1960) and deputy commander (in 1974). He retired in 1976. Hadad first ran for Knesset in 1981 as the head of an independent Arab list, but the list did not pass the electoral threshold. He then joined the Labor Party, and was number 46 on its slate for the 1992 elections. (Photos: Isaac Harari)

Choice of politician as Canada envoy to Israel sparks criticism

OTTAWA (Reuters) - Canada named a former politician, David Berger, as ambassador to Israel on Tuesday and the choice was immediately attacked as a political payoff.

Berger resigned as a member of Parliament in December to make way for a prominent French Canadian politician to

take his seat in Montreal and help fight separatists in the province of Quebec.

He was subsequently hired by the office of Prime Minister Jean Chretien but it was widely rumored that he would be named to a high-level diplomatic post.

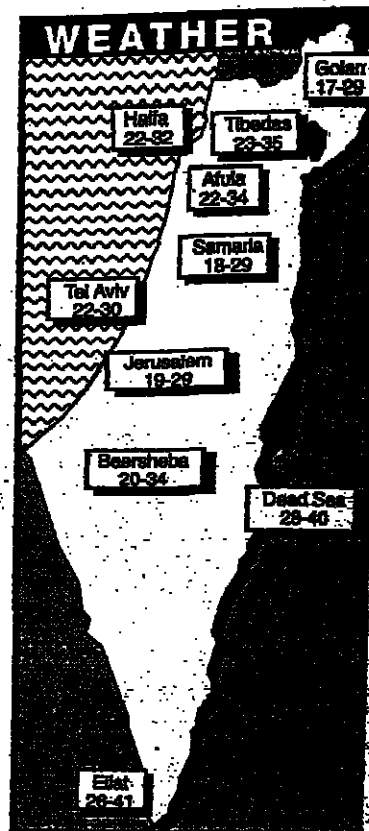
"Here we have a political hack with no diplomatic experience

going into a very sensitive position as ambassador to Israel," said Bob Mills, a member of parliament for the opposition Reform Party.

Just before Berger's appointment was announced, the National Council on Canada-Arab Relations issued a statement on the posting:

"This is too sensitive a posting in a conflict-prone region to be governed by domestic political considerations."

A former lawyer, Berger replaces Norman Spector, who was a chief of staff to former Prime Minister Brian Mulroney before being appointed ambassador to Israel in 1992.



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Winning cards

In yesterday's Mifal Hapais daily Chance card draw, the lucky cards were the king of spades, seven of hearts, queen of diamonds, and king of clubs.

MKs 33% pay rise approved

EVELYN GORDON

MKs will get a 33 percent raise on October 1, 1995, the Knesset House Committee decided yesterday.

The raise will be to compensate them for ceasing all outside work on that date, as recommended by a public commission.

Currently, MKs can earn an additional 50% of their Knesset salaries in outside work.

Once the increase takes effect, MKs will be earning in the range of NIS 16,000-17,500 a month not including benefits, compared with the current range of about NIS 12,000-13,000. (Salaries vary according to the MK's task: Thus, committee chairmen, deputy speakers, etc. earn more than ordinary MKs.)

Committee chairman Hagai Moron (Labor) said he hopes to have the bill ready for its second and third

readings within two weeks.

It will go into effect only next year, however, as part of a compromise reached Tuesday with Finance Minister Avraham Shohat.

Shohat did not want the raise to take effect immediately for fear it would lead to higher wages in other sectors of the economy, and therefore to higher inflation.

On Tuesday, the Labor faction decided to support the new arrangement.

The bill states that MKs who currently hold other elected posts outside the Knesset - such as mayors or Histadrut Chairman Haim Ramon - can finish out their terms even after the law takes effect.

However, mayors who get elected to the Knesset in the future will have to give up their mayoralties.

Two doctors lose licenses - but only for a little while

JUDY SIEGEL

THE medical licenses of two physicians have been suspended by Health Minister Ephraim Sneh - one for medical negligence and the other for demanding a bribe from a patient.

Ministry spokeswoman Yifat Ben-Hai, who announced this yesterday, refused to disclose the doctors' names.

Ministry suspensions of medical licenses are very rare.

In the first case, a doctor was called to treat a woman who underwent plastic surgery on her face and suffered severe muscle contractions.

Complications set in and she lost consciousness. The doctor was negligent in his efforts to revive her and she died.

He was convicted in court and sentenced to community service and fined. Sneh suspended his medical license for a year.

In the second case, the doctor - along with a colleague - demanded that a woman injured in a road accident pay NIS 1,000 for written authorization for medical leave from her job.

A court sentenced him to 600 hours of community service over a year. He was also dismissed by the hospital where he worked.

Sneh suspended his license for three months.

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